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WHITEAWAY'S

BRITISH AND GREEK TROOPS EFFECTING A SYSTEMATIC RETREAT

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Apr. 21 (UP).—GREEK REPORTS TO-NIGHT INDICATED THAT THE GERMANS ARE PREPARING TO DELIVER "ALL-OUT" ATTACKS IN AN EFFORT TO RUPTURE THE ANGLO-GREEK LINES AND TO OVERWHELM THE DEFENDERS WHO CONTINUE TO MAKE A SYSTEMATIC RETIREMENT.

Bulgarian Balkan Grab

From Serbs & Greeks

VICHY, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Bulgaria's share in the Axis land grab in the Balkans is outlined in a Sofia dispatch to the Vichy news agency.

The Yugo-Slav territory being occupied by Bulgarian troops is bounded, it says, by the River Vardar while in Greek Thrace, the whole area between the River Struma and Maritza is being occupied. (This part of Greek Thrace contains the port of Dedagatch and has figured prominently in Bulgaria's outstanding demand for an outlet to the Aegean Sea).

First Stages

The dispatch says that these areas are believed to represent only the first stage of occupation. The Bulgarian Army will probably take over further territory later.

New frontiers will be fixed at a conference to be held, it is believed, in Vienna on Wednesday.

Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, and Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, are said to have had several talks to-day in preparation for the conference.

BLACK SWAN Churchillian Protege Escapes Bombs

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—In one quiet stretch of inland water near the south coast peacefully lived seven white swans and one Australian black swan, the last named an escapee from Mr Churchill's home in Westminster, Kent.

A recent enemy bomb explosion slaughtered the seven white swans but the Australian black swan was unscathed.

Local residents interpret this as a happy omen of Mr Churchill's policy.

Stabilisation Fund

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21 (UP).—Treasury sources to-day told the "United Press" that the \$50,000,000 Chinese stabilisation agreement will be signed by Mr T. V. Soong and Mr Henry Morgenthau on Tuesday or Wednesday, because all the negotiations are completed and only the clerical work in drawing up the contract in final form for the signatures remains to be done.

New Greek Premier's Message To Nation

ATHENS, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The Foreign Minister, Dr Emmanuel Tsouderos, has been appointed Prime Minister in succession to the late Dr Alexander Korizis. He took the oath of allegiance at midday.

The remainder of the Cabinet is unchanged.

To The End

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The Government takes on the administration of the country without hesitation. We shall carry on our country's fight to a victorious finish," declared Dr Emmanuel Tsouderos, the new Greek Prime Minister, in a message to the nation, according to the Athens wireless.

He paid tribute to Greece's glorious dead and continued: "The whole nation will continue the struggle until Greece, the Balkans and Europe are free of the invaders. Greeks, take courage! Let no one in Greece be found lacking in courage."

British reports again indicated that rearguard detachments were principally engaged on the flanks for slowing down the German advance while the main forces continue to retire to a new defence line.

German claims of advancing south of Larissa and crossing the Pindus range to the west, if true, indicate that the British and Greeks are engaged in a general retirement for which the British press is apparently preparing public opinion.

Greek reports indicated that the Germans are trying to overwhelm the defenders in a series of decisive engagements.

Uncle Sam Considers New Taxes

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The people of the United States may shortly have to pay more in income tax.

It is reported that the Treasury has proposed to Congress that the basic individual rate for income tax shall be increased from 4.4 to 6.6 per cent. part of the programme for raising \$3,500,000,000 of new revenue in the next fiscal year.

Other proposals reported include an increase in corporation tax from 21 to 30 per cent, an increase in surtax and its application to smaller incomes, and a new tax on railway passenger fares.

Higher taxes are also said to be contemplated on the following: estates and gifts, petrol, whiskey and other spirits, beer, wine, cigarettes, motor cars, mechanical refrigerators, sweets, chewing gum and soft drinks.

Ernest Brown Thanks U. S. President

Red Cross Appeal

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The Minister of Health, Mr Ernest Brown, thanked President Roosevelt to-day for supporting the British Red Cross appeal for American doctors to serve with the British fighting services and civilian hospitals.

In a message issued to the Press, Mr Brown said: "Most sincerely do I thank Mr Roosevelt. Our need for such reinforcement is urgent and I assure all who join up in our great cause that they will receive a warm welcome from us and will form an integral part of our own services."

A Health Ministry spokesman explained that British doctors at the beginning of the war had rushed to the colours and so many were now serving with the forces that the authorities felt that the civilian population was being endangered. Hence the appeal to the United States, which Mr Roosevelt, as President of the American Red Cross, endorsed.

Capture of Larissa

ATHENS, Apr. 21 (UP).—The Germans captured Larissa after terrific street fighting, the Germans using tanks. Contingents of the Imperial forces fought their way through the town while the Nazis were using tanks and machine-guns, ambushing the British at every corner. The town is burning from an air bombardment.

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Trikkala Evacuated, Report

CAIRO, Apr. 21 (UP).—Well informed sources revealed that Trikkala as well as Larissa have been evacuated. The new defence positions are situated on terrain lending itself to defence. Reports that a large number of Axis have been pointed out are scouted, although it is pointed out that during the withdrawal it is possible that some of the advance forces became separated from the main body.

"Cautious" Advance

ATHENS, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—A "cautious" German advance is recorded in a communiqué issued by the headquarters of the British forces in Greece to-day.

"Despite continuous bombing the ordered withdrawal of our forces to new positions continues and is nearing completion. The enemy is advancing very cautiously, partly owing to bad roads and largely because of the rough handling he has TURN to Back Page, Column 5

DUCE'S VICEROY REJECTS TERMS Fight To Death

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The Duke of Aosta, Viceroy and C-in-C Italian forces in Abyssinia, has rejected the demand stated to have been made by Lieut-General A. G. Cunningham that the Italians should lay down their arms, says the Italian official agency in Rome.

The Duke has assured Duce that the struggle will be continued everywhere to the death.

The demand, the agency says, was in connection with negotiations for the protection of the white population in Abyssinia.

Must Lay Down Arms

General Cunningham is stated to have informed the Italian envoy that if they were to assume this responsibility, the British demanded that the Italians should lay down their arms.

The Duke of Aosta demanded the confirmation of this statement in writing.

General Cunningham then sent a message confirming his oral statement. The following reply was sent by the Duke, according to the official Italian announcement: "I reject the proposals of a military nature which you have put forward without taking them into consideration. The responsibility for the treatment of the white population rests with you, from the moment when the British forces or native forces were organised and armed by you to occupy localities inhabited by whites."

Nazis Bringing Pressure On Spain To Join Axis Line-Up

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Apr. 21 (UP).—Hitler's armies and aeroplanes pounded unceasingly on the third—but still unbroken—Allied defence line in Greece, while Britain intently watched the increasing signs of new Axis moves in Rumania, the Near East and through Spain toward Gibraltar.

Yugo-Slavia's King Escapes By Air

VICHY, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—King Peter of Yugo-Slavia has arrived at Jerusalem from Athens, according to a Jerusalem dispatch to the Vichy news agency. He is stated to be accompanied by Yugo-Slav Prime Minister, General Simovitch, and the Foreign Minister.

R.A.F.'s BIG BAG OVER ATHENS

CAIRO, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—A Middle East R.A.F. communiqué notifies that the R.A.F. yesterday secured its biggest "bag" in one day since Germany began her offensive in Greece.

At least 16 enemy aircraft were shot down. Fourteen were shot down and destroyed in a big air battle over Athens between a very large formation of German aircraft and British fighters. Seven were dive-bombers, five were Messerschmitts and two were unidentified.

A considerable number of German aircraft were severely damaged and probably did not reach their base.

Seven British aircraft failed to return but it is known that three of the pilots are safe.

Some damage was caused at R.A.F. aerodromes.

The communiqué says that enemy-occupied aerodromes and troop columns on the move were successfully attacked by our bombers during Saturday night. Heavy bombers were used in the raid on Katarani aerodrome and a fire was caused which was visible 60 miles away.

Letters By Film Army Goes Modern

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—A novel method of correspondence from the Imperial forces in the Middle East will shortly be introduced.

It is called "Aitgraph," a system under which servicemen's letters will be photographed on to a miniature film which will be sent to Britain by air for enlarged copies to be taken and delivered within a fortnight from the time of writing.

The system will permit more frequent and larger mails since 4,500 letter negatives weigh only one pound.

The charge for each letter will be 3d. A similar mail from Britain to the Middle East will be introduced as soon as the technical arrangements are completed.

Bombs On Holland

THE HAGUE, Apr. 21 (UP).—It is officially reported that during the week-end British bombs were dropped on several places which resulted in 12 people being killed and 15 wounded.

Premier, Gen.
Antonescu
His Position Delicate



Total Collapse Of Rumania Possible: Soviet Troops Mass On Moldavia Border

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUDAPEST, Apr. 21 (UP).—According to Hungarian sources, General Antonescu's Rumanian Government is reported to be in an extremely critical position as a result of the threatened loss of German support, plus the rumours that Soviet troops are massed on the Moldavian border.

Traffic between Hungary and Rumania has been halted and Rumanian guards have fired on all persons attempting to cross the border.

Unrest In Rumania

In Rumania there are indications that unrest is increasing. Hungarian sources—obviously hostile to Bucharest—reported that the government of General Antonescu is in danger of losing German support, due to the Iron Guard pressure to regain territory taken last year from Rumania by Hungary.

Hitler is said to have refused to permit Rumania to occupy part of defeated Yugo-Slavia and rumours are being circulated that Russian forces are ready to move into Rumania and Moldavia if the Antonescu regime collapses.

On the actual war fronts, the British and Greeks are under increasing pressure as the Germans surge down across the plains of Thrace and, according to Athens press, they have brought up huge reinforcements in the drive to "obtain definite results."

PROMOTION

China Campaign Veteran

Called To Tokyo

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NAGASAKI, Apr. 21 (Domei).—Lieut-General Waichiro Sonobe, who has been appointed Supreme War Councilor, arrived here this evening aboard the Nagasaki Maru en route to Tokyo from the Central China front where he has been active in the battle of Ichang, the second campaign in eastern Chekiang, and other successful operations.

LATEST

The brilliant rearguard action by Australian and New Zealand troops in Greece inflicted tremendous casualties on the Germans who appeared to be trying for a quick knock-out blow against the Greeks, according to dispatches from Athens.

The R.A.F. reported a bag of 18 Nazi planes in fighting the Luftwaffe attacks on the rear-line communications and ships in Greek ports. The Germans claim they brought down 11 British planes and sunk 33,000 tons of ships.

But while the British and Greeks cling to the third defense lines in the mountains some 110 miles north of Athens, not far from the historic Thermopylae—there are stronger indications of early action on other fronts.

Pressure on Spain

London has heard that Germany is bringing new pressure to bear on Spain to enter formally in the Axis line-up, presumably as a prelude to an attack on Gibraltar or an effort to close the Straits even if the Rock cannot be captured. German guns on Spanish territory on both sides of the Straits might be as effective as if Gibraltar were in German hands.

Whether or not the Germans will immediately undertake the admittedly difficult job of moving and feeding any large number of troops in Hungary and Spain is not indicated, but a more feasible plan might be the employment of merely artillery forces near Gibraltar.

SABOTAGE BY BELGIANS

Nazi Punishment

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Following numerous acts of sabotage and "hostility towards the Army of Occupation" in the Hainaut Province of Belgium, the German authorities have issued a threat of severe reprisals, states "Inbel," (Free Belgian news agency).

There, it states, will include taking hostages, suspension of the return of Belgian prisoners of war and the withdrawal of facilities for obtaining food supplies.

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Further Late News

Canada's Exchange Problem Is Solved

OTTAWA, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Mr W. L. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, has returned from the United States. He declared that his visit, in which he arranged the joint utilisation of United States and Canadian resources had proved "much better than a holiday."

Officials expect the arrangement to benefit both countries immensely; it means that Canada's exchange problem has been solved for the duration of the war.

According to general interpretation here, the United States will accommodate Canada for the lack of dollar exchange by accepting a larger volume of Canadian materials and by providing Canada, under the Lease and Lend Act, with materials entering into equipment and munitions destined for the United Kingdom.

Canada's adverse payment balance to the United States in the last 12 months is unofficially estimated at \$225,000,000.

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12.30 Selections from Musical Comedy.

"Follow a Star"—Vocal Gems (Ella)... Light Opera Company; "Show Boat"—Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man (Hammerstein 2nd and Kern)... Marie Burke and the Misses Sixette with Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra; Bill (P. G. Woodhouse and Kern)... Marie Burke (Soprano) with Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra; "The Cat and the Fiddle" Selection (Harbach and Kern)... New May-fair Orchestra; "Wild Violets"—You, Just You, (Carter—Stolz)... Anne Ziegler and Webster Booth with Orchestra.

1. Local Time Signal.

1.01 Sydney Gustard at the Organ.

1.13 Vocal and Piano Duets by Elsie Randolph and Jack Buchanan and Rawley and Landauer.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Barnabas von Geczy and His Orchestra with Heddle Bach (Tenor).

Malaga (Rixner); Poem (Fibich) Barnabas von Geczy and His Orchestra; Passing By (Herrick and Purcell).

Hubert Elsdell, Heddle Bach (Tenor); Dennis Noble and Norman Allin; Fresh Breaths (Berchelt); In Merry Mood (Harringer)... Barnabas von Geczy and His Orchestra; I Know of Two Bright Eyes (Clutman); Elly Mavournen (from "The Lily of Killarney")... Heddle Nash (Tenor); Hindu Song (from "Saddo"); Valse Triste (Sibelius)... Barnabas von Geczy and His Orchestra.

7. London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Talk; "British Speaks".

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8. Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 John Gay's "The Beggar's Opera".

(Musical Version by Frederic Austin); Singers in order of appearance: Bruce Flegg, Roy Henderson, Constance Willis, Audrey Midway, Michael Redgrave, Ruby Gilechrist, Linda Gray, Joseph Farrington, Alys Brough, with Chorus and Orchestra conducted by Michael.

8.54 Violin Interlude.

Intermezzo (Souvenir de Vienne) Otto Kyndel.

9. London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

9.30 Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and Gail-Curci (Soprano).

Grand Polonaise, Op. 22 (Chopin) Arthur Rubinstein (Piano); Russian Nightingale Song (Alabiet)... Gail-Curci (Soprano); La Cathédrale Engloutie (Debussy); Capriccio in B Minor, Op. 76 (Brahms)... Arthur Rubinstein (Piano); Fauré—Valse (Arditi); The Korymb and the Bird (Denechot)... Gail-Curci (Soprano); Minuet and Trio (Schubert)... Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

10. London Relay—"Scots Abroad".

10.15 A Light Scottish Programme with Sir Harry Lauder.

"A Roar" (Toon Lauder); Sir Harry Lauder (Baritone); Medley of Old Time Songs... Sydney Gustard at the Organ; Mr John Mackay (Lauder)... Sir Harry Lauder; Strip the Willow (Duke)... Scottish Country Dance Orchestra; I've Something in the Bottle for the Morning (Lauder and Grafton)... Sir Harry Lauder.

10.35 A Swing Programme.

11 Close Down.

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Household salvage has already saved Britain 60 shiploads of paper and enough metal to build 20,000 tanks. The Joint Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Supply revealed these figures today at the opening of readings on the "Paper Drive"—one of many planned by the Ministry's Salvage Department to stimulate collection of paper, metal and bones.—British Wireless.

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Police Reserve

Orders Issued For Current Week

Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Penfather-Evans, Commissioner of Police:

Chinese Company

Promotions.—The undermentioned members have been promoted to the Acting ranks shown below as from April 17, 1941:

Police Sergeants (R) 18 Lai Yu-kwong, (R) 30 Theng Po-ling, (R) 42 Wong King-chuen, (R) 46 Thomas Yip, (R) 52 Hoo Kam-chiu, (R) 57 Wong Chung to Acting Sub-Inspector (R).

Lance Sergeants (R) 11 To's Chi-on, (R) 20 Leung On-ai, (R) 21 Chan Ping-fan, (R) 24 Shek Pui-tin, (R) 25 Chiu Tsun-ki, and (R) 30 Chan Ying-pang to Acting Police Sergeant (R).

Constables (R) 6 Chan Shih-chun, (R) 15 Tsui Kwok-ching, (R) 17 Chan Yung-kwong, (R) 18 Lai Ching-fan, (R) 25 Lee Chee-ling, (R) 26 Lui Chi-chiu, (R) 35 Ho Yu-nam, (R) 44 Thomas Thim Wong, (R) 53 Yung Shou-tai, (R) 56 Fung Chiu, (R) 57 A. V. Wong, (R) 58 Tam To-ming, (R) 120 Leung Yu-wing, (R) 122 Fok Wa-ho, (R) 130 Joseph Tam Hung, (R) 143 John Ma, (R) 145 Lau Mau, (R) 149 Charles Tam, (R) 144 Tang Kwong-wing, (R) 150 Koh Kwai-sun, (R) 151 Sun Pak-ching, (R) 152 Lai Kwok-chiu, (R) 153 Koh Hon-ying, (R) 154 Kong Sai-lun, (R) 155 Tang Chi-fai, (R) 156 Lai Kien-yuen, (R) 157 Siak Wai-tong, (R) 159 Lau Yun-ning, (R) 173 Yeung Kwok-wing, (R) 174 C. E. Changyit, (R) 194 Ip Fook-ching, and (R) 200 Siu-pun to Acting Lance Sergeant (R).

Training Course—Part IV.—Those detailed will attend Central Police Station for instruction in Part IV of Training Course under Police Sergeant (R) 214 Chan Shih-chiu, from April 22, 23, 24, and 25, at 17.15 hours.

Training Course—Part III.—Those detailed will attend Indian Company Headquarters for instruction in Part III of Training Course under O. C. Indian Company on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 22, 24, and 25, at 17.15 hours.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Strength.—Constables (R) 227 N. I. Advani, and (R) 200 Pyare Singh have been taken on the strength of the Indian Company as from April 17, 1941.

Constables (R) 229 Ramchand Namet, and (R) 230 Miskin Singh have been taken on the strength of the Indian Company as from April 17, 1941.

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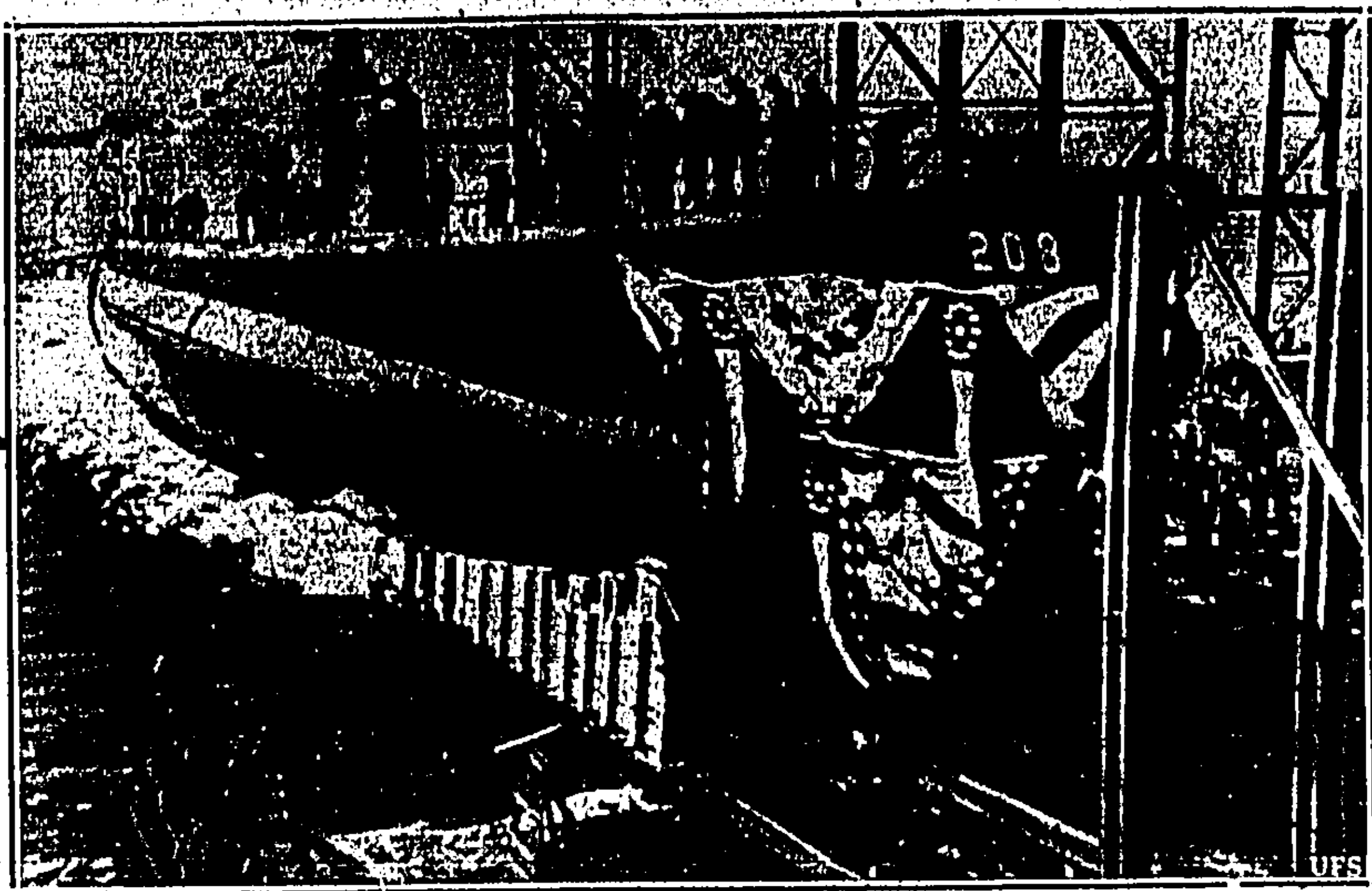
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ANOTHER UNDERSEA CRAFT—For the first time in years the public was barred from the launching of a submarine, when Uncle Sam's latest undersea craft slid down the ways at New London, Conn. She's the Grayback, 300 feet long and is 21st submarine launched at New London since 1933.

Thailand Prepares to Assume Rule of Cambodia and Laos

By Darrell Berrigan

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

BANGKOK, Apr. 20 (UP).—One million persons in Cambodia and Laos will become citizens of Thailand as a result of the Franco-Thai peace conference at Tokyo, according to Thai estimates here.

The Ministry of Interior plans to establish an "Indo-China Affairs Department" to carry out the task of administering and developing the new territory as soon as the permanent treaty is signed and the Franco-Thai frontier demarcation commissions have finished their work.

In the meantime, a commission is conducting the administration of the territory in Indo-China occupied by the Thai forces in their drive into the French colony before the armistice.

According to authorized quarters here, the inhabitants of the new territory will be given all the privileges granted to Thai citizens under the constitution adopted in 1932.

These quarters said it is difficult to estimate the number of people within the new Thai territories because large numbers of Cambodians and Laotians have evacuated into French territory to escape Thai rule, while others have entered the new Thai rule to escape the French.

Thai Electorates

Thai citizens have had a hand in the election of minor officials for centuries. Villagers elect their own chiefs, or Pu-sai-lan. The chiefs then choose a commune of elders (Kam-nam) to carry out the administration of the villages. This system is also traditional in Laos and Cambodia, and has been continued by the French to facilitate local government.

Thailand is divided into changvads (provinces) with sub-divisions called amphurs. The changvad governors and amphur commissioners are appointed by the Ministry of Interior, of which at present the Premier, Major-General Luang Pibul-Songgram, is head. This system insures Bangkok its place as the fountain head of government.

The Parliament

The Thai constitution established a Parliament, half of whose membership is chosen by the people directly and the other half by the King, or, in the present case, by the Council of Regency, with the approval of the government. The government, therefore, holds the balance of power in Parliament.

Each changvad elects one representative, or one for each 200,000 population. At present there are 98 appointed members of parliament and an equal number of elected members.

Female Suffrage

Although female suffrage is provided by the constitution, no woman has ever yet won a seat in parliament. Several have tried, however.

Liberals complain that it is difficult to overcome the feeling against women openly participating in politics. Historically, however, the wives of Thai kings—and some have had over 100 at one time—have played a part in politics for centuries.

An extraordinary session of parliament will be convened for the ratification of the permanent peace treaty as soon as it is signed in Tokyo, an authoritative source revealed.

Royal Decrees

Following the ratification, two Royal decrees will be issued. The first will establish the new territories officially as changvads, giving them legal standing under the constitution. The second will provide for the election of village chiefs and changvad representatives to parliament. For each representative named by the people of the new areas, the government will appoint another, thus keeping representation of the people and the government equal.

The first session of parliament at which the new changvads will be represented is expected to be the next ordinary session, which convenes next September to debate the budget.

"Pure And Simple"

Under the auspices of the B. W. O. F. and in aid of the British Bombed areas, the H.K.V.A.D. is presenting a Revue entitled "Pure And Simple" at the China Fleet Club on April 25 and 26.

Thousand U. S. Fliers In Canada

A Canadian air official disclosed recently that more than 1,100 Americans are taking part in the British Commonwealth air training programme under way in Canada.

More than 700 are training as air crewmen—pilots, observers and gunners—and more than 400 are instructors or ferry and communication pilots. The ferry pilots fly training planes from Canadian factories to the airfields.

The official, who asked that his name not be used but authorized publication of the figures, said "some" Americans had completed the six-month training course and gone to England.

Seven Percent

The Americans training as air crew represent, he said, about seven percent of the more than 10,000 soldiers. Most of the Americans were described as having had "no particular flying experience" before the enrolment.

To complete a training course, being carried out in 83 schools in the Dominion, a pilot must have 150 hours in the air, including 50 in elementary trainers and 100 in intermediate and advanced trainers.

Sounding Of Syrens

It is notified that the Naval Authorities will be holding exercises as follows: To-day, April 22, from 10.45 to 11.45 a.m., and again from sunset, until sunrise to-morrow, April 23.

Tuesday, April 23, from 10.45 to 11.45 a.m., and again from sunset, until sunrise on April 30.

During these periods the Naval Yard air raid sirens will be sounded.

Hollywood, Apr. 21. Filmstars Constance Bennett and Gilbert Roland were married to-day at Yuma, Arizona.—United Press.

Artist Heads Union Of Wartime Firemen

FOUR professional men who have become wartime firemen in London have started a trade union for auxiliary firemen.

Chairman is a Scot, Mr. Loris Roy, artist and sculptor, who has exhibited his work in London. His co-founders are Mr. L. Rouse Jones (London barrister), Mr. Michael Wassey (advertising agent) and Mr. John Jenner (Covent Garden salesman).

The new organisation is called the National Union of Auxiliary Firemen.

Mr. Rouse Jones (who is joint secretary with Mr. Wassey) said: "There are already four unions who admit war time firemen as members, but we are convinced of the need for an organisation that is exclusively of our own."

"Already, we have 2,000 members, and we are spreading to the provinces. There are no paid officials;

Employment Conditions

Attention will be called to conditions of employment which the union thinks should be remedied.

Resolutions will be moved calling on the Government to grant auxiliary firemen the same illness and injury pay or pensions as are drawn by regular firemen. The union complains that at present a man injured on duty is dismissed from the service if he does not recover within thirteen weeks.

U.S.-Canada To Pool Resources

Hyde Park, Apr. 21. President Roosevelt and the Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, have agreed on a programme for mobilising the entire resources of their two countries for the defence of the British Empire and Canada. They have agreed that, in exchange, Canada should supply America with up to \$300,000,000 worth of national defence materials.

The text of a joint statement issued to-day read: "Among other important matters, the President and the Prime Minister discussed measures by which the most prompt and effective utilisation might be made of the productive facilities of North America for the purpose of both local hemispheric defence and the assistance which, in addition to their normal programmes, both Canada and America are rendering Britain and the other democracies."

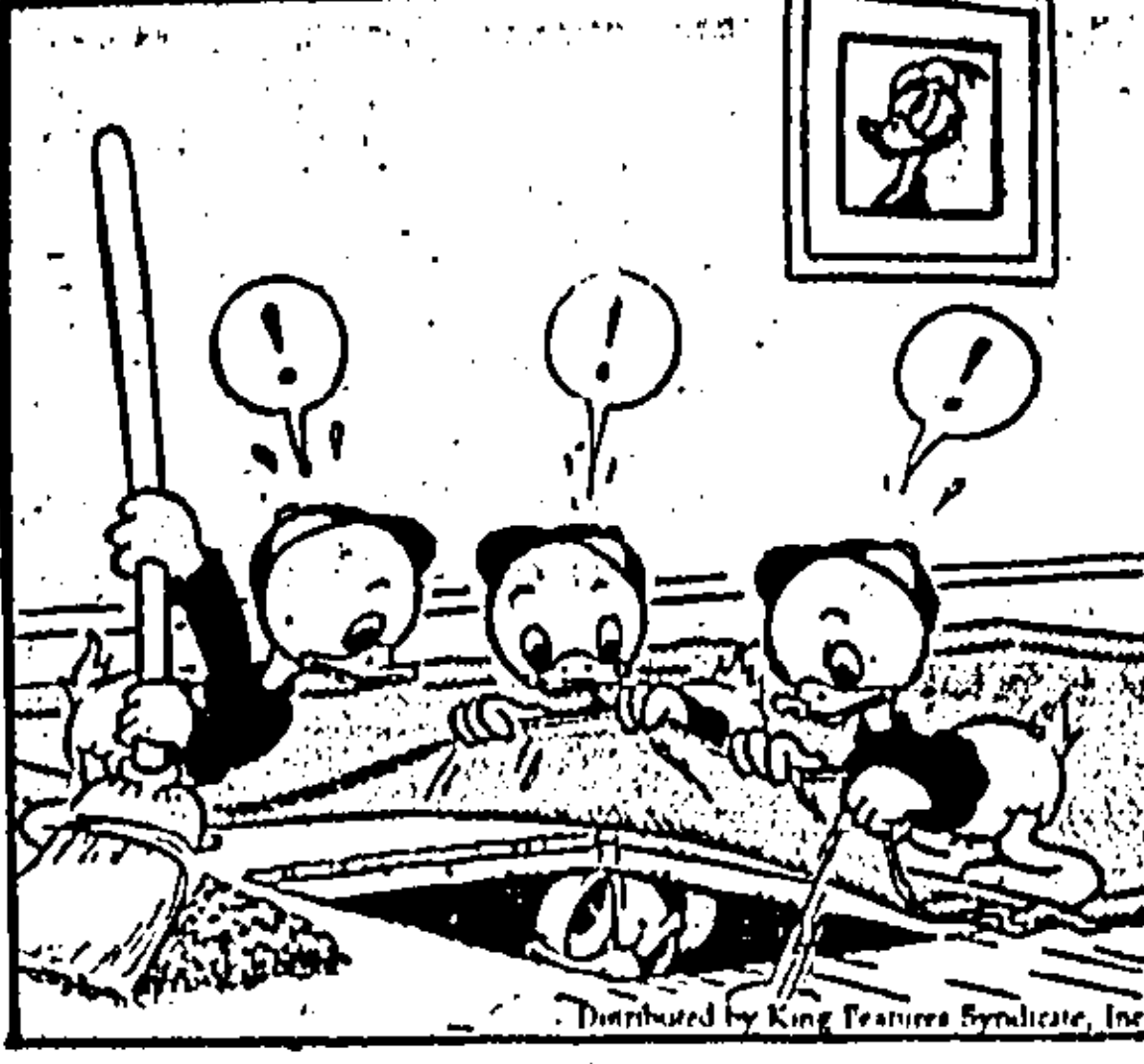
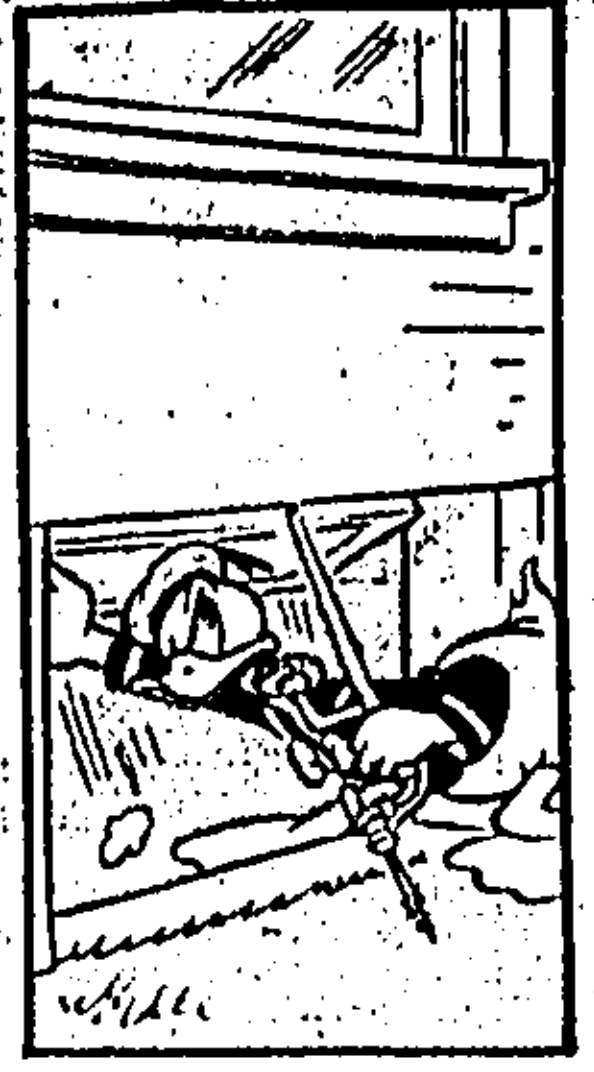
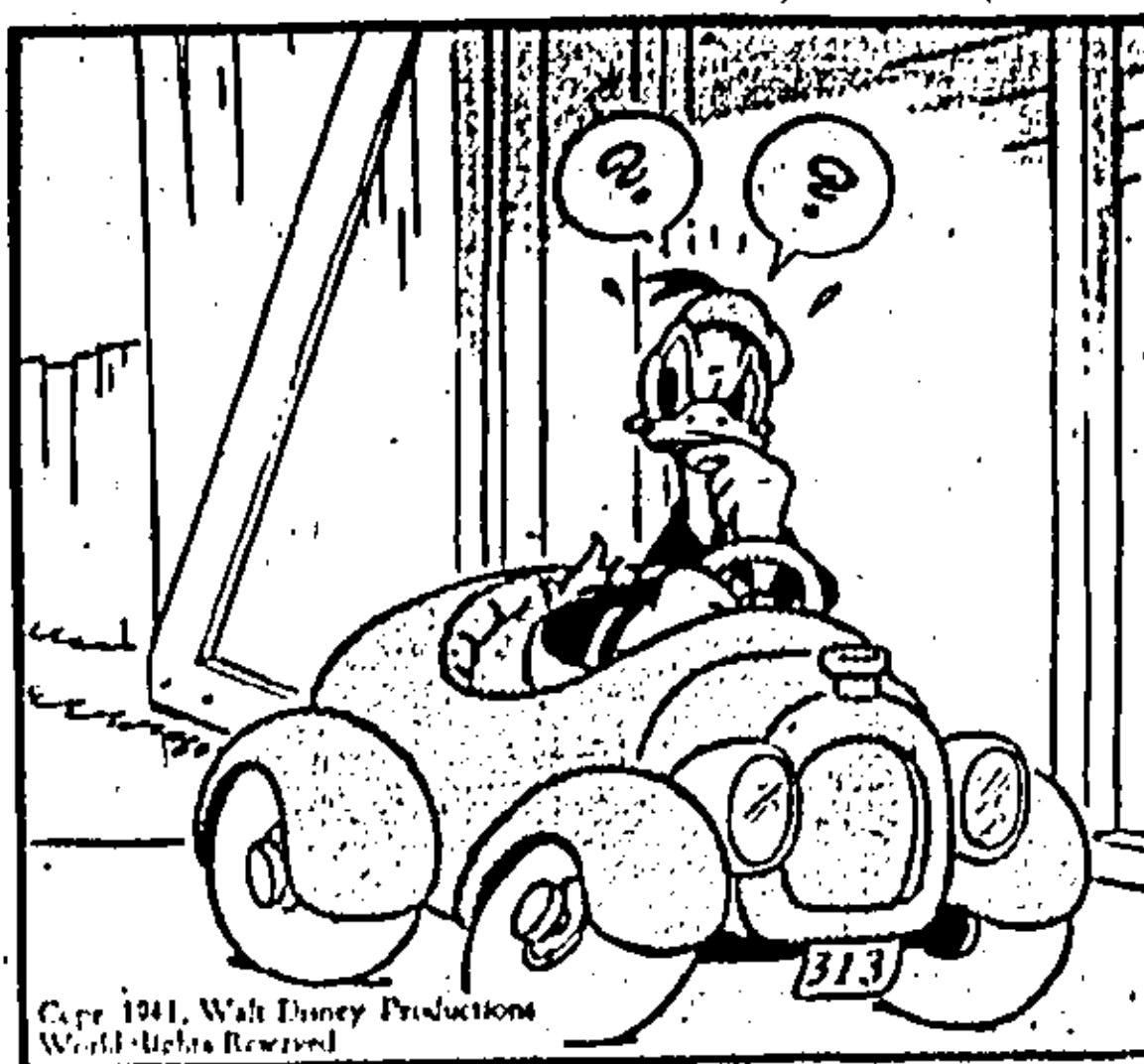
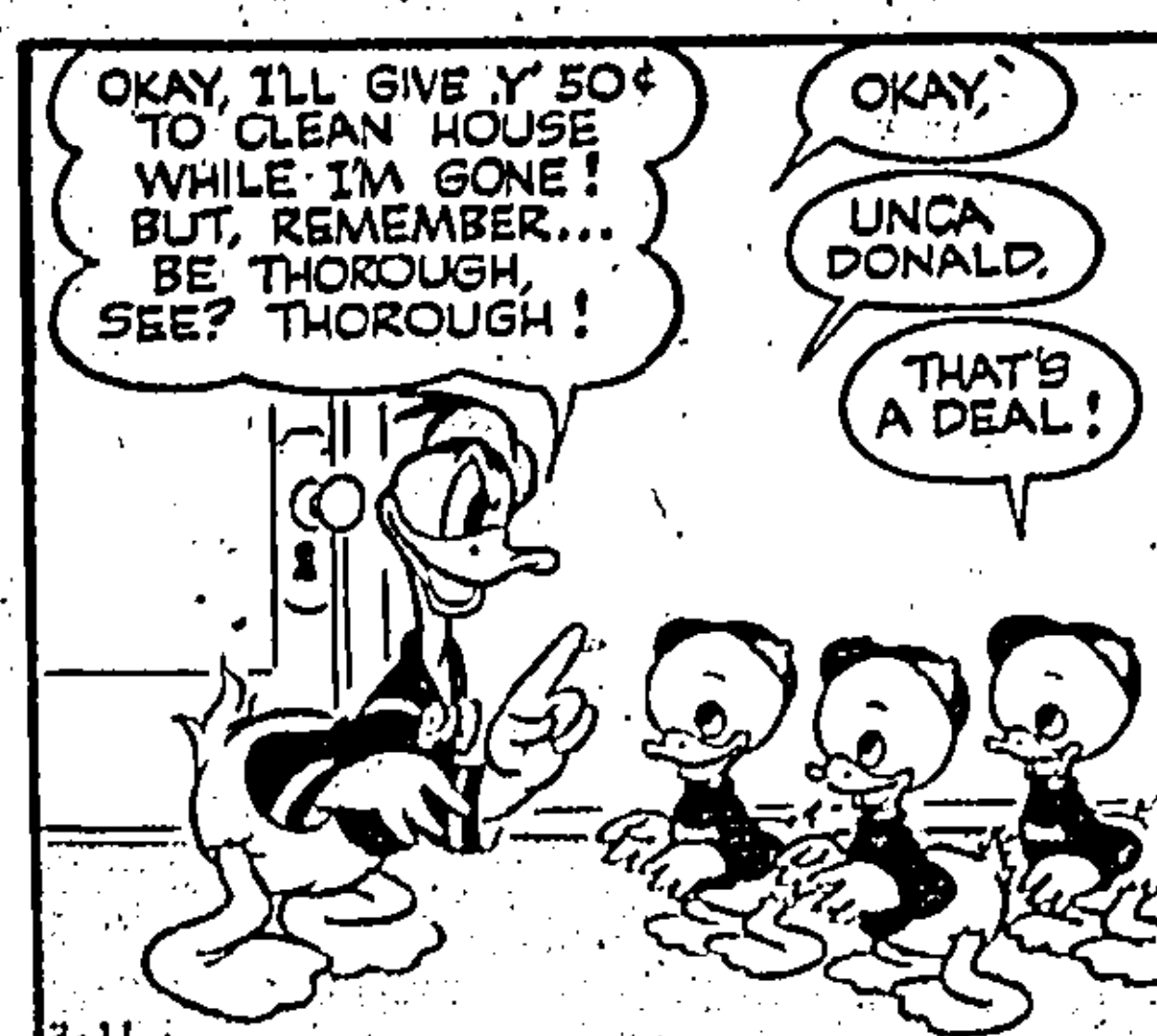
"It was agreed as a general principle that, in mobilising the resources of the continent, each should provide the other with the defence articles which each could best produce and, above all, produce quickly, and that their production programmes should be co-ordinated to this end."

"Although Canada has expanded her production capacities many times since the beginning of the war there are still numerous defence articles which must be obtained from the United States and purchases of this character by Canada will be even greater in the coming year than in the past. On the other hand, there is an existing potential capacity in Canada for speedy production of certain kinds of munitions, strategic materials, aluminium and ships, which the United States urgently requires for her own purposes."

Items of Vital Importance

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Threefold
- Expressions of hearty
- Recover possession of
- Large antelope
- Scandinavian
- Speech
- Grain-like bird
- Happening every day
- Two thousand
- Young
- Line of coaches
- Feminine suffix
- African antelope
- Abstract conception of being
- Ferrous metal
- Uses (subtle metal) for fastening
- Aiming at
- Glazed Hindu pottery
- Margin
- Traveler
- Leaver deity
- Iron
- Hoe (Scottish)
- Trap
- Branches of learning
- Universal capital
- Cliff's name
- Rye (archaic)
- Casting (verb)
- Good (French)
- English seaside resort
- Olive back

DOWN

- Thrilling sound
- Declination
- Self
- Ministrel
- Boundary
- Quarantine
- Constant
- Film comedienne
- Referring to era
- Egg of Iouso
- Book which allia
- Robbed
- Record of events
- Girl
- Removes
- Harried
- Lane
- Shouting-like fabric (French)
- Curiously made
- People on each in water
- Piece of cloth
- Source of metal
- Captives
- Depressing (Scottish)
- Boil
- Deltera
- One who longs for something
- Host with discontinuous slope
- English Duke under William II
- Referring to head of college
- Viper
- Stringed instruments
- Cliff's name
- Clock
- Black deer
- German laborer
- Egyptian symbol for eye

The Strangest Job In The Cabinet



An interview with Mr Arthur Greenwood, the Minister concerned with the study of after-war reconstruction problems, by HENRY LONGHURST.

WHEN, as Mr Churchill put it in describing the end of the last war, "the lever is pulled—Full Steam Astern," and the vast war machine comes at last to a halt, what then?

Economic chaos, poverty, slump, unemployment? Or a better, greater democracy with security and a fair chance for every man?

We cannot settle comfortably down to solve these problems on Armistice Day. They have to be tackled now.

The man appointed by the Prime Minister to make the first survey of how, having won the war, we may win the peace, is Mr Arthur Greenwood, Minister Without Portfolio.

Officially his title is "Chairman of the Ministerial Committee charged with the study of post-war reconstruction problems." But he does not expect to see that reconstruction completed in his lifetime. Thirty, even fifty, years he thinks it may take.

MOBILISE BRAINS

"If we win the war in a military sense," he says, "and then can't show that we can make democracy work, we're as good as lost the war."

Mr Greenwood, all his life, has been a good "Party" man. But he will have no question of mere partisanship in his present work.

He emphasised, as did the Prime Minister recently, that neither he nor any State Ministry can build a new heaven and a new earth. "We must build the kind of country

the people want and are themselves willing to build.

And so he has begun by becoming a kind of clearing house for ideas, as expressed by "responsible" shades of opinion.

He will listen not only to trade unions and employers' federations, but also to bodies like the Institute of International Affairs, the Workers' Educational Association, and the 1940 Council, consisting of scientists, doctors, lawyers, business men and women, presided over by Lord Balfour of Burleigh.

"My business will be to mobilise the brains, experience, insight, imagination of all the people who can be of real use," said Mr Greenwood. "This job has got to be a vast co-operative enterprise."

"I've got no department here at the moment—just a man and a boy, as you might say—and no departmental limitations; and, believe me, I understand something about those!

"There is no Minister of Reconstruction yet. What we shall see after the war is successive Governments of Reconstruction."

Mr Churchill, incidentally, has hinted that he will set up a Ministry of Reconstruction. After the last war this Ministry was a failure. It is common political knowledge, though Mr Greenwood himself did not say so, that it failed because the other Ministries each wished to do their own "reconstructing" for themselves.

"I shall work with the other Ministries," said Mr Greenwood. "No single man's brain

can hold all the complications of a problem like this. What we achieve will be the work of many minds, the result of co-operation."

While we were talking, his secretary asked what should be done with a certain document. "All right, put it in my homework," he said.

I asked him whether he envisaged huge unemployment after the war. "Did you go to the People's Convention?" he replied. "No? Nor did I, though I think we might have had a comic afternoon. Well, one of those present, I think it was Pitt, said that I had declared that we should have seven million unemployed after the war."

"What I have said is that if we don't organise our resources, there will be vast unemployment on that scale after the war. I believe we have huge untapped resources that will help to bring the world out of post-war poverty. I don't say easily, but I think it can be done."

"There will be jobs of every kind to be done all over the world. Buildings to be built, people to be clothed and shod—and that great task, developing the resources of the Dominions and Colonies."

The Prime Minister suggested last August that we should accumulate at our disposal, not necessarily in England, stocks of food and raw materials with which to help in the economic restoration of the freed people of Europe after the war. "You can say that we're getting down to that problem at this present time," Mr Greenwood told me.

PLANNED INDUSTRY

So we passed, naturally, to the question of controlled—Compulsory if you like—planning of industry after the war. How long would it last?

This is a question I have put to many Ministers. It is a question that makes them shy like a horse at a traction engine. Mr Greenwood was no exception.

So I report off my own bat, as it were, that the impression I have gained from these Ministers, irrespective of party, is that they all believe that the control of industry exercised through emergency must be continued long, long after the war is over.

"I'll say this, though," said Mr Greenwood. "Go to the blitzed industrial areas, as I have done, and you will see that the war has broken down a devil of a lot of frontiers."

"You will see Whitehall, trade unions, employers, local government men—all pulling together." That's the spirit I want to see go on after the war."

Broadly speaking, he hopes to see the general principles of reconstruction announced before the end of the war, and to have plans completed for the "sword-into-ploughshare" period immediately following the peace.

But no promise no ready made "New Order." The people, he says, must make that for themselves.

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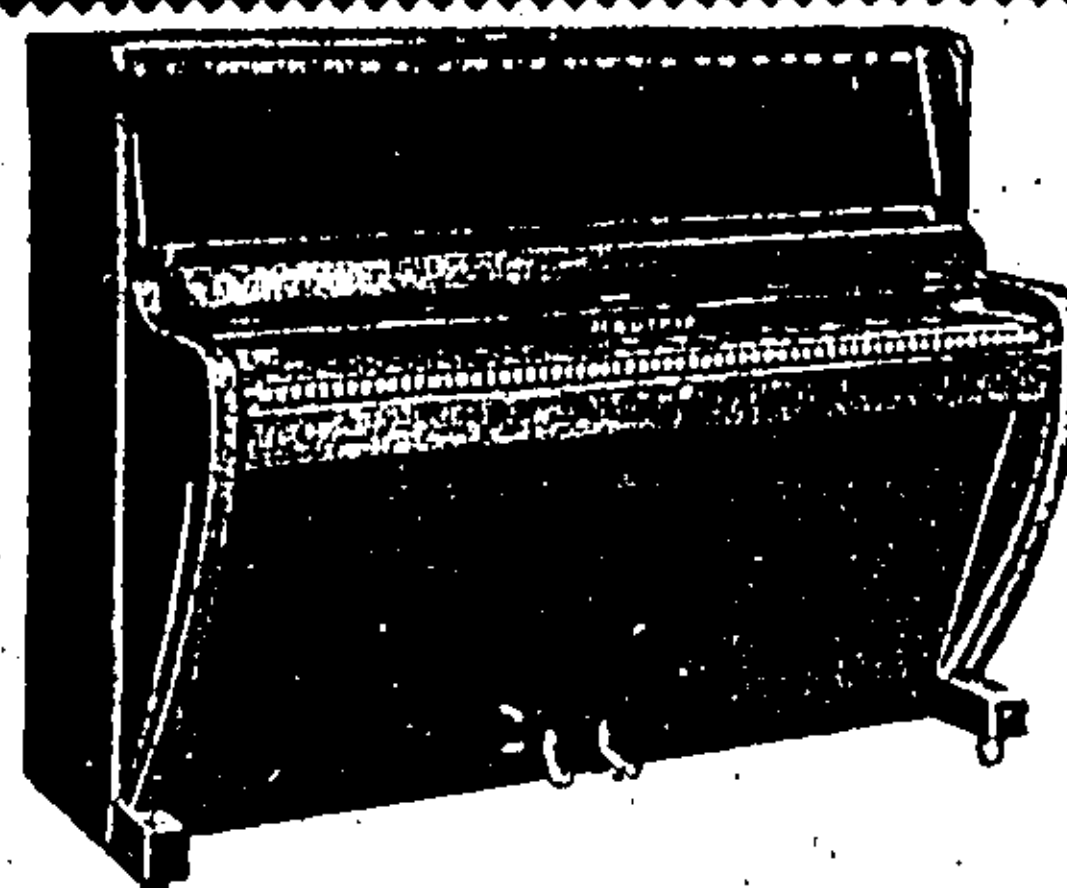
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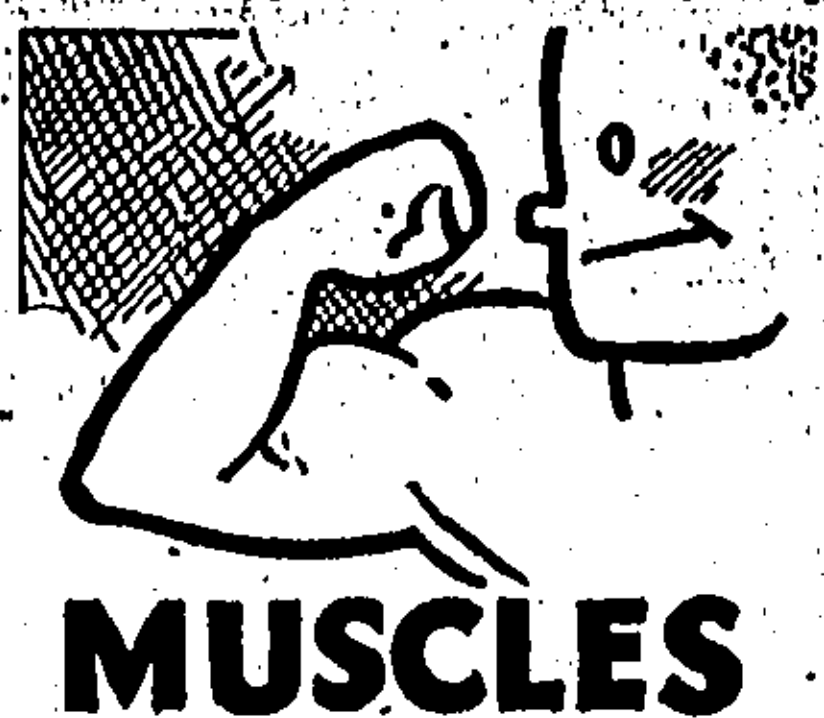
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NEW MODUS OPERANDI REQUIRED

DIFFICULTIES besetting the operation of the new tax on cosmetic and toilet preparations were concisely set out by a businessman in the "Telegraph" a week ago, but they bear re-statement. The tax, in itself, is an admirable emergency measure, even though it does drive another nail into the coffin of Hongkong's hitherto unassailable system of free trade. The modus operandi, however, is far from satisfactory.

An official statement issued last week, pointing out that as soon as present stocks have been disposed of the onus of sticking the revenue stamps on toilet packages will pass from the retailers to the importers and manufacturers, means nothing more than it says; if anything this may prove more troublesome than if the obligation remained exclusively with the retailers.

It has already been emphasized that one of the main problems confronting importers will be to figure out what stamps to use on an article which some retailers sell for a certain price, calling for a 10 cents duty stamp, but which other shopkeepers retail cheaper and may only require five cents duty.

Another worry for the importers will be the necessity of unpacking large stocks of certain goods which cannot be disposed of immediately and which are liable to deterioration owing to weather conditions. It may not be easy for these merchants to convince retailers that such stock is now, and the risks of being saddled with unsaleable goods must of necessity increase.

It is encouraging to know that Government is conscious of the problems attending the operation of the new tax and that already steps have been taken to assist dealers and importers by printing smaller duty stamps. Another timely and welcome assurance is that the department

Will America Resist Japan?

By **Erwin D. Canham**

in the "Christian Science Monitor"

The diplomatic and military manoeuvres now going on in the Far East are not easy for Americans to understand. Yet Americans, in all probability, will have to decide their fate and their interests in the Orient. Whether or not Japan attacks Singapore is dependent on several factors, but none of them is more significant than the attitude of the United States. That attitude, which is basically dependent not on the President and the State Department but on public opinion, has not yet been formulated.



It is about time for the Administration, and the unofficial leaders of public opinion, to put to the nation a simple question. It is: Are we prepared to stand by without intervening if Japan attacks the British and Dutch strongholds in Malaya? Upon this question, the whole issue of East and West, and perhaps even the European war, may turn. If we make it known that we are prepared to intervene, Japan will probably not launch an attack. If we cannot make up our minds, or if our attitude implies that we are not prepared to intervene, Japan may well continue the steps of invasion which its Navy has already far advanced.

Americans ought to have learned by now that mere diplomatic play is not an adequate policy. The State Department has doubtless played its cards pretty well during recent months, in an effort to deter and alarm Japan. Recently, Secretary Hull went still further in this game of trying to frighten Japan. But, up to the present, it is all simply bluff—legitimate, customary, but basically ineffective. The fact that public opinion might decide the question in the affirmative has given the bluff the only potency it has thus far possessed.

Singapore may soon become the decisive point in the whole war. If Britain is forced to de-

fend its Gibraltar of the East with only its own forces, plus what help the Dutch are able to give, it may make an exceedingly gallant stand. It might conceivably be able to hold off the Japanese, for Nippon's power is already under severe strain. But the effort for Britain and Australia would be very great indeed. It would call for resources sorely needed in Europe and Africa. It would be precisely what Hitler most wants.

But if the American people could ever make up their minds that if worst came to worst they would aid Britain in the Far East, would be willing to send the fleet into action there, then—one may reasonably assume—such action might never be needed. Indeed, determination to resist Japan might be implemented by economic pressure alone. Japan's economy is still dependent upon exports to the United States, still needs oil and steel from this country. An offensive war of the American Navy against Japan might be under normal circumstances a very difficult business. But the defence of Singapore against a weakened Japan is something very different. Singapore already has everything needed for defence except ships.



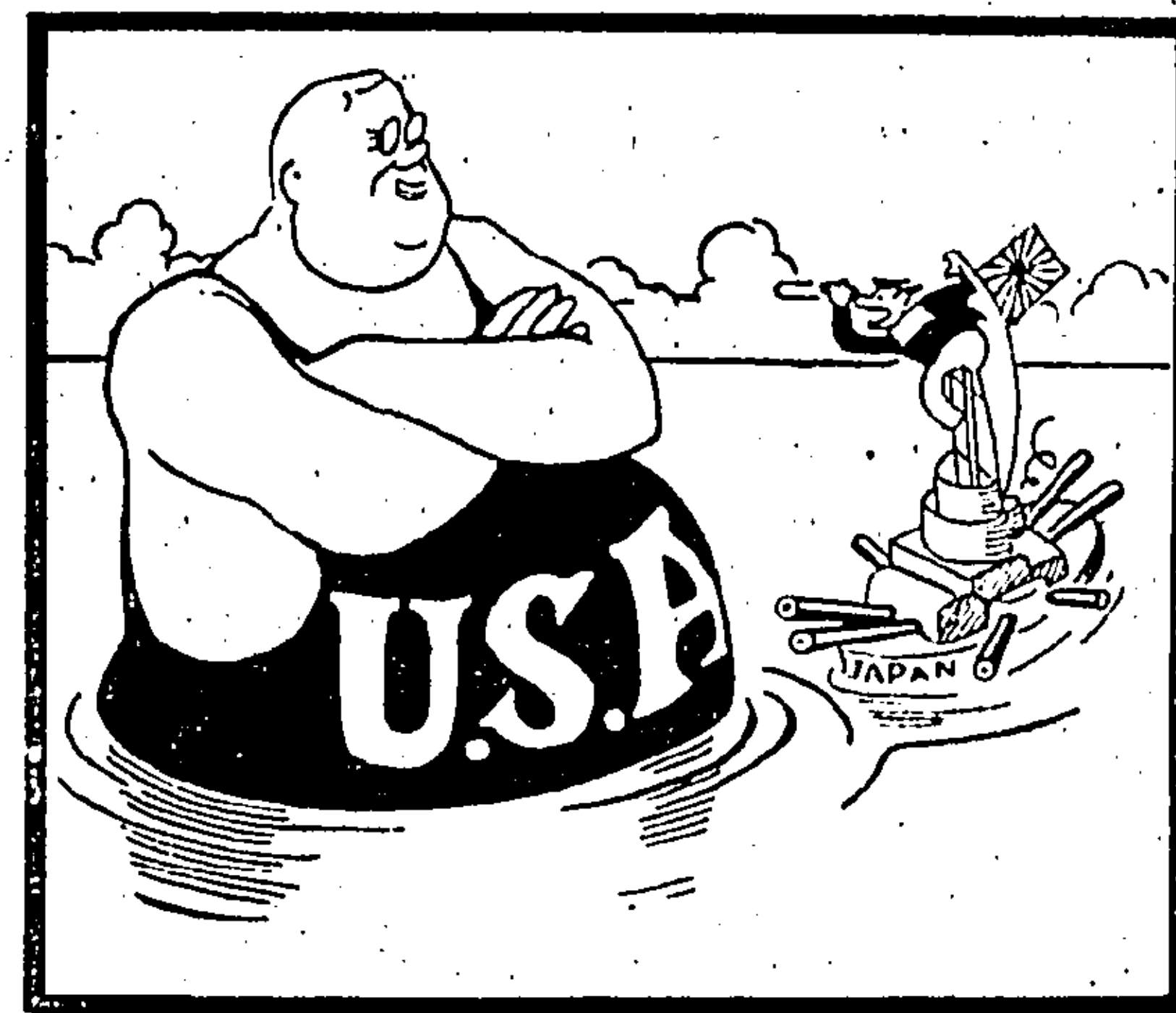
Loss of Singapore, the key to Malaya and Australasia, would mean that the supplies of rubber and tin on which so much of the American economy is dependent would be in Axis hands. Loss of the Singapore base would mean that the Philippines would be completely encircled, and that the American obligation of forty years there would be starkly tossed aside. Loss of Singapore would mean the doom of free China, unless Russia broke off its ties with the Axis and came to China's aid, which would probably mean a Communist China.

These are some of the things America has to think about, and quickly. Nobody, or practically nobody, in America wants to get into war. The whole nation is interested in the best way of staying out—the best way of keeping from being dragged in. One way that some urge is to

America and the American way? Or, to put the same question in different words: What is best for freedom in the world? For Christianity, and the brotherhood of men and nations?

The temporarily conquered democracies have shown that in indecision lies ruin. There may be ways to dissuade Japan from attacking Singapore and the Dutch East Indies other than by sending the American fleet to Singapore. But all such ways are dependent for their sanction upon the decision not of President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull but of all Americans. The to think hard and deep, to pray only way we can keep the right just as hard and deep, and then to decide such things for ourselves is to rise above indecision by the issue is: What is best for now.

The Giant in the Pacific Awake



(From "Central Daily News," Chungking)

OUR SECURITIES IN THE U.S.

By **EDWARD GAYLER**

BRITAIN has just over \$300,000,000 left in dollars and in gold with which to pay for goods already ordered in America. Our immediate available resources in America at the beginning of the war were \$880,000,000, made up of British-owned American securities and dollar balances and \$700,000,000 in Allied gold, excluding French gold.

Mr Morgenthau, Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, announced a few weeks ago that Britain had spent some \$580,000,000 of her resources in the first 18 months of the war.

Although we still have \$300,000,000 in cash, much of it is already mortgaged for deliveries now being made from American factories.

The money will be exhausted in a few months, perhaps in a few weeks, but we still have \$670,000,000 of American assets which it may take time to realise.

BRITISH trade returns for 1940, just published, show that our purchases from abroad were \$660,000,000 more than our sales.

This adverse trade balance must be financed in shipping services, in gold, and by the income from our foreign investment.

We need all our shipping for ourselves and can expect little or no revenue from that source.

Our gold is all earmarked for conversion to dollars, and our foreign investments are being sold in New York for the same purpose.

Roosevelt's anxiety to rush his Lend and Lease Bill through all stages to the statute book was evidence that Washington understood the difficult financial situation with which Britain is faced.

NO better proof of the failure of the U-boat campaign to enforce a blockade of Britain is needed than the trade figures for the first 16 months of war.

Since the beginning of September 1939 Britain imported goods to the value of \$1,382,262,809 and have sold \$574,127,680 worth of British products to the world.

A great deal of the increase in our imports can be attributed to our enormous purchases of war materials in America, but this does not account entirely for our \$808,000,000 adverse trade balance in 16 months of war.

If our available dollars are already spent or mortgaged, then the only way in which we can continue to finance our imports is by an increasing export drive.

With the exception of a trickle of goods from the East, Continental Europe is cut off from the rest of the world.

Our various export councils must pursue with all vigour the search for new customers in the markets of the world which our enemies have been forced to abandon.

HITLER ON THE JAPANESE

"..... the basis of that culture was the Greek mind and teutonic technical skill as we know it. Only the external form..... shows the trace of an Asiatic inspiration.

It is not true as some believe that Japan adds European technique to a culture of her own. The foundations of actual life in Japan to-day are not those of the native Japanese culture..... the real foundations of contemporary Japanese life are the enormous scientific and technical achievements of

concerned is closely watching the situation and will introduce modifications when and where considered most suitable. It is hardly possible to expect more than this at the moment. The new measure is still in its infancy and indications are that it must find its ideal form of operation through trial and error. It must be remembered that it is a measure of expediency rather than chosen policy and is but another of those inconveniences rendered inevitable by the exigencies of war.

Europe and America, that is to say, of Aryan peoples.....

The scientific and technical achievement of Europe and America provide the basis on which the struggle for daily livelihood is carried on in the Orient. They provide the necessary arms and instruments for this struggle and only the outer forms of these instruments have become gradually adapted to Japanese ways of life.

If from to-day onwards the Aryan influence on Japan should cease..... then the present progress of Japan in science and technique might still last for a short duration; but within a few decades the inspiration would dry up.....

If it be shown that a people owes the fundamental elements of its culture to foreign races..... and if subsequently that culture becomes fossilised when ever the external influence ceases, then such a race may be called the depository but never the creator of a culture."

(From MEIN KAMPF, unexpurgated edition, translated by James Murphy, publishers, Hurst & Blackett Ltd., page 252).

Effect Of Libya On Vichy

Inclination To Axis

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The possibility of a reshuffle of Marshal Petain's Cabinet is being discussed at Vichy, according to information from the French frontier.

The German successes in North Africa and the Balkans, the "AN" agency says, appear to have strengthened the position favouring closer collaboration with Germany, but it is unlikely that Laval will be recalled to the Cabinet as he is still very unpopular.

One possibility is Laval's appointment as Ambassador in Paris to replace Count de Brinon. He will then be head of the French delegation with the task of speeding up collaboration with the Armistice Commission which would be transferred to Paris from Wiesbaden.

Japanese Drive To Foochow

SHANGHAI, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—According to Chungking reports, Japanese forces during the week-end landed at two points on the north bank of the Min River in Fukien Province with the object of occupying Foochow the last of the Treaty ports in possession of the Chinese National Government.

Japanese field dispatches claim that their drive in Chekiang Province is proceeding steadily in all sectors.

The Chinese admit that the Japanese are driving inland towards the southwest.

BASQUES WANT TO JOIN WAR

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The formation of a Basque National Council to continue the work of the Basque Government and to join with the Democracies in the fight against the totalitarian Powers is announced by the Basque Delegation in London to-day.

The Council aims at attaining the full national liberty of the Government of Euzkadi, established at Guernica in October, 1936, and the recognition of it by all nations.

"The Basques are a race of undetermined origin living in the north of Spain. They had been promised autonomy by the Republican Government of Spain which was beaten in the Civil War. The Basque Holy City of Guernica was in June, 1937, subjected to the most complete and terrible bombing by German aviators on Franco's orders."

Hitler's Latest War Trophy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BERLIN, Apr. 21 (UP).—According to the official news agency, the Serbian commemorative tablet recording the assassination of the Austro-Hungarian successor to the throne on June 28, 1914, was secured after the capture of Sarajevo and was turned over to Hitler's field headquarters by the first German soldier to enter the City, Lieutenant Mittelmann. The tablet will be presented to the Berlin War Museum.

Japanese Who Hasn't Heard Mr Churchill

TOKYO, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—"There's no telling which side is going to win the European war in the long run," declared the noted political commentator, Mr. Murobuse, speaking at a debate under the auspices of the newspaper "Miyako Shimbun," which was attended by many notables.

Mr. Murobuse added that a settlement of the Chinese war should precede any attempt to drive southward and that any cabinet which had no confidence that it could dispose of the China Affair successfully had better dissolve itself quickly.



THEY'LL FIGHT NAZIS—Dutch youths drilling at Stratford, Ontario, Canada. They want to fight Nazis who have conquered their homeland and are given instruction by Canadian Army officers.

New Drugs, Surgical Technique May Reduce Number Of War Dead

By Joseph L. Myler

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Apr. 20 (UP).—The world's productive genius is engaged in a frantic effort to create new and more deadly weapons in ever greater quantity. Young men are being trained to wound and kill—or be wounded and killed.

In many parts of the world women and children, the old and the sick, the lame and the militarily unfit are subject to sudden death or horrible injury from the sky. The forces of destruction appear to be in the saddle.

It may therefore be reassuring, Dr. Carnes Weeks said recently, to know that in such a world there are forces of another kind—forces dedicated to alleviation of misery and the salvaging of human life—and that they, too, are winning victories.

They are the doctors at the front—who are everywhere—the doctors at home, and the research workers in the laboratory.

New Developments

Dr. Weeks, an advisory chairman of the Medical and Surgical Supply Committee, engaged in gathering needed surgical instruments and drugs for the doctors of Great Britain, said developments since the last War justified hope that the new conflict in some respects might not be as horrible as the last.

In the past two and a half decades, he said, new drugs and new surgical techniques have been developed which, had they been known then, might greatly have reduced the World War's total of 8,538,315 dead and 21,219,452 wounded.

Greatest of all discoveries in the drug field is sulfanilamide and other members of the same chemical family. These discoveries, combined with a technique developed by Dr. Douglas Winnett Orr of Topeka, Kans., have revolutionized treatment of compound fractures, one of the ugliest and most dangerous of modern war wounds.

Dr. Orr's method, tested "very successfully" during the Spanish Civil War, might be called the "studied neglect" treatment, Dr. Weeks said.

Dead tissue and bone fragments are removed, the wound is sprinkled with sulfathiazole, a powder, a plaster cast is applied, and the wound is left to heal itself.

Sulfathiazole, Dr. Weeks said, is a potent weapon against gas gangrene, the terrible infection which killed so many soldiers in the World War.

This and other new methods were studied in Great Britain by Dr. Philip Wilson, chief surgeon of the New York Society for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled, who reported on them when he returned last month, Dr. Weeks said.

Sulfanilamide also appears likely to cut down the fatalities from peritonitis, an infection to which, in modern war, civilians and soldiers alike are liable.

The World War method in the treatment of abdominal shrapnel in-

juries was to cleanse the wound and sew up the holes, Dr. Weeks said. Now the indicated treatment would be, in addition, to pour sulfanilamide into the peritoneal cavity.

Influenza Scourge

Modern medicine thus far, Dr. Weeks said, has failed to produce a specific cure for one of the World War's greatest scourges—Influenza—but has, in sulfapyridine, developed a highly effective drug in the treatment of pneumonia, Influenza's deadly partner.

Improved public health control, greater knowledge of diet essentials, including vitamins, development of portable X-ray machines for examination of civilian as well as military casualties, better facilities for preventing asphyxial death, and new methods of storing blood for transfusions are other encouraging factors, Dr. Weeks said.

But there is another side to the picture. In Great Britain there is urgent need for surgical equipment and drugs, which Dr. Weeks' Committee is striving to supply through contributions.

And in the countries at war doctors must devote their time to ministrations rather than to research work.

"This country," Dr. Weeks said, "is the last stand of the research worker."

STOCK EXCHANGE Minimum Movement

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—With operators very cautious, a minimum of movement occurred on the Stock Exchange to-day, but on the whole the prices were well maintained.

There was some support for gilt-edged securities, which recorded small advances. Industrials were occasionally lower, chiefly the heavy stocks.

Oil shares were irregular and Kaffirs were steady after early Cape selling.

Wall Street was quiet.

Submarine Sinks Enemy Tanker

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Apr. 21 (UP).—The Admiralty to-day announced that H.M.S. submarine Tetarch sank a fully loaded enemy tanker which was enroute to Tripoli, but the announcement did not specify when this happened.

Annual Report On Colony's Playgrounds

The annual meeting of the Children's Playgrounds Association of Hongkong will be held next Monday at 5.15 p.m. in the office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court. The report of the Executive Committee of the Association for 1940 states:

The financial position as shown by the statement of accounts was satisfactory, though there was a comparatively smaller income for the year under review. The Association is grateful to various clubs, associations, schools and individuals for their generous support.

The number of children using the playgrounds was as great as ever. Many school children used the playgrounds for drills and exercises.

Miniature Football

A Small Boys' Miniature Football League was organised for the Hongkong playgrounds. Over ten teams entered to compete for the "Tiger Fan" Shield presented by Mr. T. F. Lo. The matches were keenly contested, and the first winner of the shield was the Tai Chung Wai team.

An Inter-school Small Boys' Miniature Football League was organised for the Kowloon grounds. Over 10 schools took part in the competition for a large silver trophy kindly donated by Mr. Lai Tuen-po. The National English School was successful as the first holder of the trophy.

Lawn Bowls Fixtures

The Lawn Bowls season will start officially on May 3, and the following games have been arranged for that day:

First Division—Recreo "A" v. Craigengower; Civil Service v. Kowloon C.C.; Indian Recreation Club v. Police; Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B" v. Recreio "B"; Kowloon Docks v. Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

Second Division—Recreo v. Hongkong Cricket Club; Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon "A"; Craigengower v. Indian Recreation Club; Kowloon Bowling Green Club v. Police; Indian Recreation Club; Hongkong Cricket Club v. Recreio.

Little Enemy Air Activity

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Enemy activity over this country during the day has been on a small scale, mainly confined to south-east England.

No bombs were reported dropped, says an Air Ministry communique.

Fifth Column In Lourenco Marques?

LOURENCO MARQUES (Portuguese East Africa), Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Eight persons, including a retired colonel, have been arrested here for alleged "subversive and unpatriotic activities."

They will be deported to Lisbon.

No Hitler-Mussolini Meeting Planned

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Without giving a direct denial, a statement made in political circles in Berlin implies that the rumour concerning an imminent meeting of Hitler and Mussolini is quite unfounded.

VITAMIN DIET FOR AIRMEN

To Gain Better Night Sight

A written Parliamentary answer recently revealed that experiments are being made to determine the value of a Vitamin A product to R.A.F. men engaged on night flying.

R.A.F. night fighter pilots are so intent on improving their efficiency that some subject themselves to what amounts to a special form of training.

This includes accustoming themselves to darkness by practice and a diet rich in the vitamins which, medical workers say, influence keenness of night sight.

Medical Opinion

Physiological experiments have confirmed that shortage of one particular vitamin leads to a deterioration in the powers of seeing in the dark. Medical men reserve their opinion, however, on whether these powers can be improved by feeding a person with a diet rich in this vitamin.

R.A.F. night fighting pilots are not waiting for a decision, but are trying everything that holds out a chance of helping them to spot the enemy.

Maud Allan Is A.T.S. Volunteer

"Salome" has volunteered for the A.T.S. She wants to drive a Service car. She is Miss Maud Allan, the dancer, famous for her Salome dance of 30 years ago.

Miss Allan toured every country with her exotic dance and then came tragedy. Three years ago she broke her back. Now she is fit again—and wants to help in the war effort.

When the A.T.S. received an application from a would-be car-driver named "Miss Maud Allan, dancer," they wondered whether it could possibly be the Maud Allan.

To-day she lives in three tiny apartments among 150 empty, echoing rooms of her bomb-shattered Regent's Park mansion, her sole companion her dog Perky.

Shocked Edwardians

"When the raids are on I just go down in the wine vault and enjoy a perfect illusion of safety," says Miss Allan.

Though her Salome dance shocked the Edwardians, it was performed in draperies which any modern girl might consider heavy clothing. In 1938 she severely injured her spine in a motor accident in California.

Desecrating U.S. Cemetery

Nazi Bombing Plan

The Washington correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News" says that the State Department has reason to believe that the German military authorities in occupied France are contemplating setting up an experimental bombing area which may include the largest American war cemetery abroad, that of Romagneux-Montfaucon, near Verdun.

It is believed that the American Administration has asked for further explanations, and has stated the reasons why the American people would not care to see 15,000 American soldiers' graves bombed.

The proposed bombing experiment, rumour insists, will include the use of gas.



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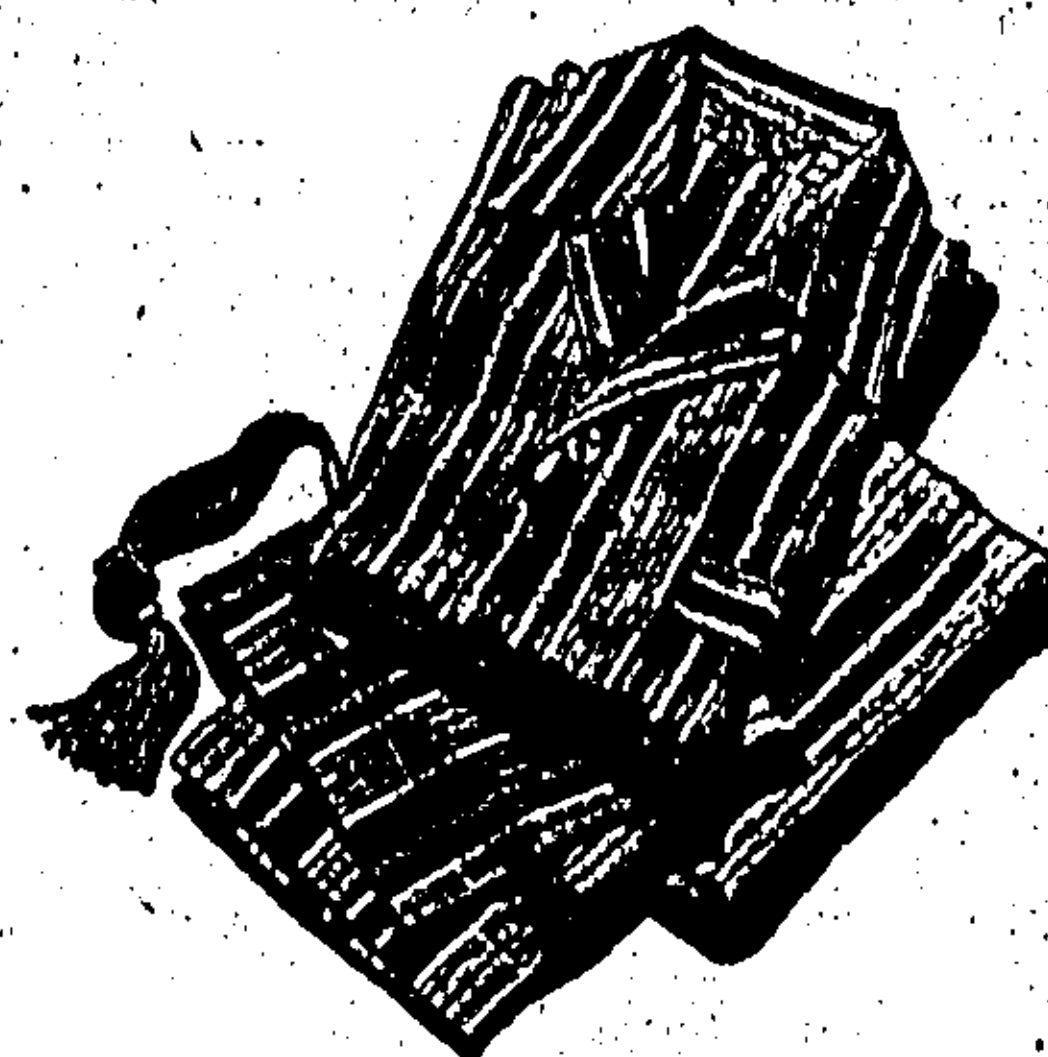
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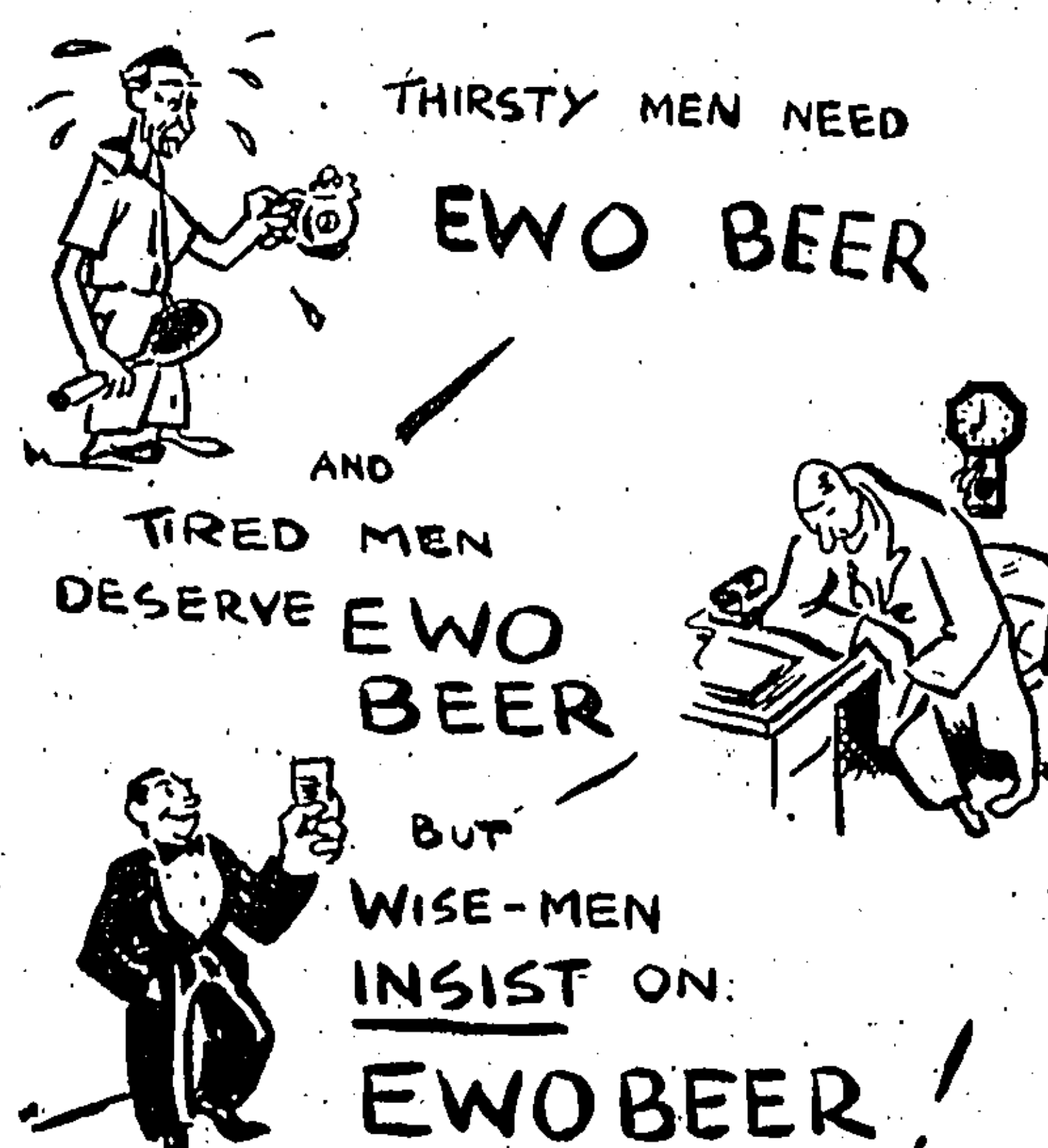
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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

Civil Service XI In The Making

Excellent Week-end For F.E. Lawrence: Dull Match at Kowloon C.C.

THE TWO TEAMS in the Junior Division, I.R.C. and Civil Service, who were determined to fulfil their programmes, were rewarded with a beautiful day for their game at Sookunpoo. It was pretty hot admittedly, but I have known it hotter in England in July and August.

The play, too, was most interesting, and, though there was a fairly comfortable margin at the end, things were pretty level up to a point, and but for some dropped catches and two bits of bad luck, the Civil Service might very well have won. They have improved out of all knowledge since I last saw them play.

During the whole game I saw only two balls get up and the wicket was excellent though it was quite possible to get spin off it, a fact of which both MacGowan and Rumjahn availed themselves.

Two wickets had fallen for 27 in four overs when Bond had rather a disastrous over to Sufiad who hit three or four fours in it. He should have been taken off then, and used later, but he was given two more with expensive results.

I found out afterwards that he had not been feeling fit before the game and the heat had affected him a good deal.

Strange's trouble was, of course, that owing to having at least two of his bowlers away he had only N. L. Smith, Bond and MacGowan upon whom to rely. Still I think he would have been better advised to have put the latter on at once, and, as he is the type of bowler who takes very little out of himself, worked Smith and Bond in short spells.

Things were looking pretty dicky for the C.S. when Barma went for a short one to deepish mid-off and Watson threw his wicket down.

Wahab and Sufiad carried on scoring freely until MacGowan checked the pace of scoring, and finally bowled the former for 21 runs. Soon after, fortune again favoured the C.S. in that Sufiad was run out for a hard hit 47, though he was dropped more than once.

Cheap Wickets

FOUR wickets then fell cheaply—three of them to MacGowan, but A. el Arculli had been picking up runs here and there and A. M. Rumjahn, the last man, made 18. Arculli got 30 not out and to my mind the two batsmen in the side. But another catch was dropped and the total of 140 was about 20 more than it should have been.

A Good Start

STRANGE went in first with Watson and created somewhat of a sensation by cracking Arculli's first three balls for four apiece. He and Watson looked like settling down for a nice stand when he did not quite time one from Arculli and was well caught by Wahab at long-on.

Lawrence came in and after edging one or two riskily he settled down

To-day's Tennis

The first semi-final of the Open Doubles Tennis Championship will be played on the Stand Court to-day. The match will be:

Paul Wal-pul and Tsui Yun-pul v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall.

to play very nice cricket. Again, a good stand seemed probable but Watson was beaten by Abbas after a patient innings of 14.

MacGowan's arrival brought about some good cricket and it appeared likely that the Civil Service might win. But here luck got up against them.

Lawrence shaped to let alone a ball from Rumjahn quite well out on the off, but there was a tremendous off break on it and it turned in to hit his glove and drop on the base of the off stump where one lonely ball fell. Almost immediately afterwards Bond stopped one from Abbas but played it on his pad or boot and it spun back into the wicket.

A Last Flicker

THERE was still hope, however, when Davidson joined MacGowan and runs came. Then the latter, who had played a very sound innings, hooked a short one from Hassan and was finely caught by Razack high up at fairly deep square leg. Davidson continued scoring and N. L. Smith, who had joined him, played two or three very nice shots to the long leg boundary before being caught by Ismail off Hassan. This was the end as Davidson (I suspect he had an idea of the tail to come) began to lash out and skied the ball in the middle of the pitch and was c. and b. Abbas. His innings of 26 was a very good one and he shows much promise.

Abbas then completed his hat-trick and took another wicket the next ball but one, and the C. S. were out for 114.

The Teams

MY IMPRESSION was that the I.R.C. were the better balanced side as they had batting down to number eleven. And in to the bargain they fielded extremely well. One or two catches were put down—especially Razack's—and they might well have lost.

For the Civil Service, I thought Lockhart kept wicket very well and the two boundary boys were no fault to him. He does not snatch at the ball. MacGowan was bowling excellently and his batting was very sound.

There is a very good nucleus for next year's team. N. L. Smith has the makings of a good bowler and I know the C. S. had hoped to play him regularly in the first.

But, until he can be persuaded to sacrifice pace to length and direction, I fear that he will always prove terribly expensive. It is a very common fault but none the less one that has spoiled many potential really good bowlers.

Finally I must congratulate Lawrence on his fielding. He was more alert and active than many players twenty years younger than himself and did a tremendous lot of good work.

Champions v. Rest

SUNDAY was not nearly such a pleasant day as Saturday, though it was I think quite as hot and much more muggy. I went over to the K.C.C. and saw, frankly, a very dull game played on a very good pitch.

The K.C.C. batted first and with one exception it was the man who the bat to the ball that got run. Rapley played nice enough cricket for a two-day match, but one ought not to take over an hour and a half making 47.

He did not seem inclined to take any chances about losing his wicket, and actually was out, not hitting, but to a snick catch in the slips, by Lawrence, who took the ball very well after it had gone through Strange's gloves.

Goodman as usual hit merrily for 22, while S. A. Gray, who has had a very bad patch lately, got going and rattled up 25 before he had a night



A. el Arculli (The Rest) bowling to G. E. Taylor (Kowloon Cricket Club) in the Junior League Champions v. The Rest cricket match at the K.C.C. on Sunday. W. L. Rapley is at the bowler's end.—Ming Yuen.

K. W. Choy Enters Two Finals

Badminton Championship Semi-Finals At K.C.C.

One-Sided Matches

(By "Tinker")

Lightweight Boxing

ERIC BOON DISQUALIFIED IN NON-TITLE BOUT

London Ignores "Blitz"

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—There was a sensational end to the first boxing programme ever to be held in the historic London Coliseum to-night, when Eric Boon, British lightweight champion, was disqualified in the second round as Kld Berg, former champion, lay writhing in agony with his legs thrashing the air.

It was a non-title contest of ten rounds, and Boon, the hot favourite, looked a certain winner as he repeatedly shook Berg with hammer-like punches, but he paid the penalty of over-eagerness.

Broadcast to America
THE MINISTRY of Information made a recording of the contest which is being broadcast to America later, as evidence that the British are living their usual life despite heavy "blitzes."

There were traffic blockages, and the house was crowded with people, while others outside were clamouring for admission. This is ample proof of London's nonchalance.

Y.M.C.A. Tennis Club

At the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday a meeting of the tennis section was held. Mr. W. W. Ralston presided. The following officers were elected:—Chairman, Mr. W. Lomax; Secretary, Mr. W. H. Ingleby; Committee, Messrs. E. G. Yourieff, E. W. Ralston, F. Elliott.

It was proposed that a tournament be held. The programme will be drawn up during the next meeting to be held on April 28.

misunderstanding with a yorker. Fentham made 15.

In a general way the batting of the Rest was pathetic and extras were easily put with 30 runs out of 94 ("and only Sherlock Holmes knew why"). Carey and Strange pulled things together a bit after a complete rot, and Lawrence held up an end making some very good strokes.

Play went on till 6.30, but the Rest managed to hold the end up and had 94 for 8 at the close.

A Poor Team
IT IS always very difficult to pick a Rest side when due consideration must be given to the representation of various Clubs. McGowan did not find a place, though I understand Lawrence came in place of Ainsley.

A. M. Omar was not playing owing to an injury and so there were two of the better bowlers of the Rest out of the game.

U. M. Omar bowled very well though I was surprised to see how very much slower he was than in the old days when I used—mostly with lack of success—to try and keep him out of my wicket, about 15 years ago.

I have already spoken of Lawrence's fielding on Saturday. On Sunday he made no less than 4 catches in the slips, the last two really good ones.

It is curious to think that a great many years ago he was dropped by the Civil Service first because he could neither catch a catch nor get a run for them. At present he is batting very much better than he was in those distant days, and there is no comparison in his fielding.

I was very glad to see Gray come off. I don't know whether it has been the cares of captaincy but he has had a very poor start with the bat, and his 25 at the end of the season should cheer him up. I must not omit to mention that he caught Carey very finely running from top mid-off to extra-cover. It was hard hit and going away from him the whole time.

IT SEEMS INDICATED that the schedule for the finals will have to be re-arranged, for it was announced yesterday that should K. W. Choy be represented in all three—Senior Singles, the Mixed Doubles and the Doubles—next week's programme would be altered. Last night at the Kowloon Cricket Club he entered the finals of the Singles and, with Mrs Castro, the Mixed Doubles.

Results in brief were:

JUNIOR SINGLES
A. L. Fisher beat J. Odell 15-10, 15-3.
SENIOR SINGLES
K. W. Choy beat F. Koh 15-2, 15-1.
MIXED DOUBLES
K. W. Choy and Mrs Castro beat P. H. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro 15-7, 15-8.

THE SINGLES match was far too one-sided to be of any great interest. This was scheduled to be the opening match, but Choy appeared half an hour late, and the Junior Singles was played.

In this match, Fisher proved just the better of Odell. In strokes they were evenly matched, but Fisher's superior court tactics had Odell doing a tremendous amount of running, and with the close evening, it was not surprising that both were played out after their game.

Fisher kept Odell on the baseline with deep drives, but on occasions brought out a short drop that was part of the tactics to keep Odell continually on the move.

The latter stood up gallantly to his task, and strove for every point with a great heart. He earned the applause of the spectators with his recoveries, while he, too, showed control over a short drop from the baseline as often as not gained him the point.

Scores in this match were no indication of the play.

Mixed Doubles

THE ANTICIPATED DUEL between Patrick Wong and K. W. Choy was somewhat below expectations. It seems incredible that Wong, with all his experience, should have been afflicted with "nerves", but that was the indication, for on many occasions when his normal accuracy would have gained the point he hit outside.

Towards the end of the first game, however, Wong had a slightly recovered his direction, and some of the baseline duels, with their dizzy cross-court shots were a pleasure to watch. Choy, it was noted in this match, restrained his famous smash, and on only one occasion was it used. He covered the baseline with amazing speed—it was his second match in succession, though the Singles had hardly extended him—and relied more on his placing than on dazzling speed of shuttle.

Choy, incidentally, emphatically denies that he was ever champion of Malaya, and says that he has only represented in Inter-State matches. Why he was never champion seems to be contained in the fact that he only took up the game five years ago—but it seems incredible that there are better players than he down south. At the net, Mrs Castro gave Choy great support, and was the better of the two women. Miss Ribeiro, too, seemed affected by the occasion or the opposition, and was guilty of several weak shots into the net. F. KOH was definitely matched against a player far ahead in class.

Badminton Schedule To-night

THE PROGRAMME for the Colony Badminton Championships at the Kowloon C.C. to-night will be:
7.30 p.m.—Miss M. M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier v. Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss C. M. Silva (Women's Doubles).
7.45 p.m.—Mrs N. Castro and Miss T. Gonzalez v. Mrs Zimmerman and Mrs Torrible (Women's Doubles).
8 p.m.—Y. P. and M. P. Young v. P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew (Senior Doubles).
8.45 p.m.—A. L. Fisher and P. Wenner-Blyth v. J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies (Junior Doubles).
9.30 p.m.—P. H. Wong and C. Au v. K. W. Choy and K. B. Low.

It would be difficult to imagine to better matches than those in the Men's Doubles. Last year's champions, Wong and Au meet Choy and Low (prospective champions this year), and it should be a great match. This, it is anticipated, will be Choy's stiffest game of the tournament, though should he and his partner win, there will yet be the final, for either of the other semi-finalists are capable of extending the best.

The women's Doubles, too, promise to be interesting, for all pairs are fairly well matched.

Home Soccer Fixtures For Saturday

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures on Saturday, Apr. 20:

WAR CUP SEMI-FINALS
Return Matches
Leicester v. Arsenal; Newcastle v. Preston.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH
England v. Wales.

LONDON CUP
Queen's P.R. v. Brentford.
LEAGUE, SOUTH
Bournemouth v. Luton; Southend v. Southampton; Watford v. Portsmouth.

SOUTH REGIONAL
Aldershot v. Tottenham; Mansfield v. Walsall; Millwall v. Northampton; Reading v. Chelsea; West Ham v. Fulham.

NORTH REGIONAL
Bolton v. Blackburn; Bradford C. v. Rochdale; Chesterfield v. Sheffield W.; Doncaster v. Halifax; Grimsby v. York; Huddersfield v. Burnley; Leeds v. Sheffield U.; Liverpool v. Manchester C.; Blackpool v. Middlesbrough; Barnsley v. New Brighton; Everton v. Oldham; Hury v. Rotherham; Bradford v. Tranmere; Southport v. Wrexham.

REGIONAL MATCH
Stoke v. Chester.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Aberdeen v. Arbroath; Rangers v. Third Lanark; Hamilton v. Motherwell; Inverness v. Dumbarton; Partick v. Celtic.

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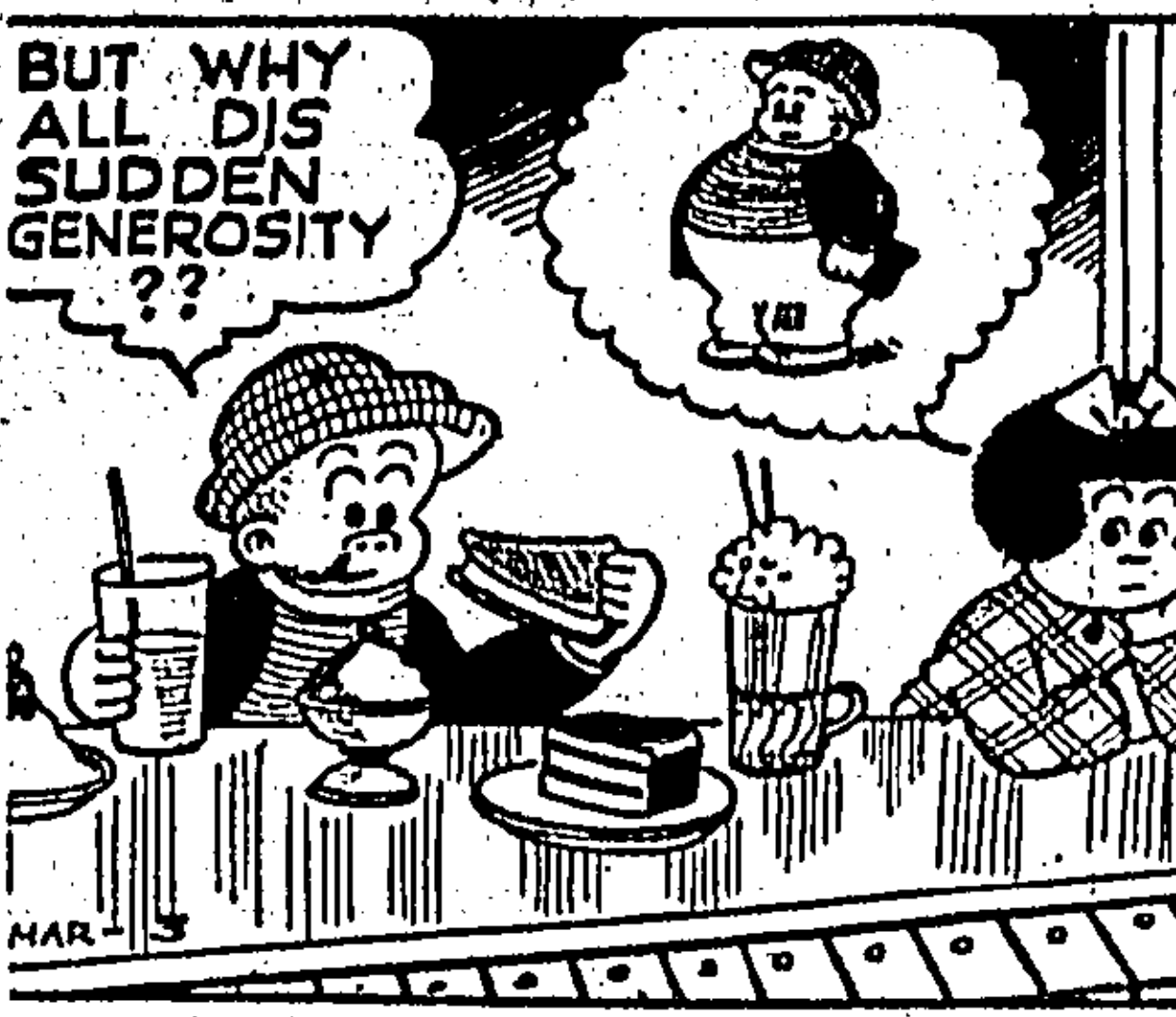
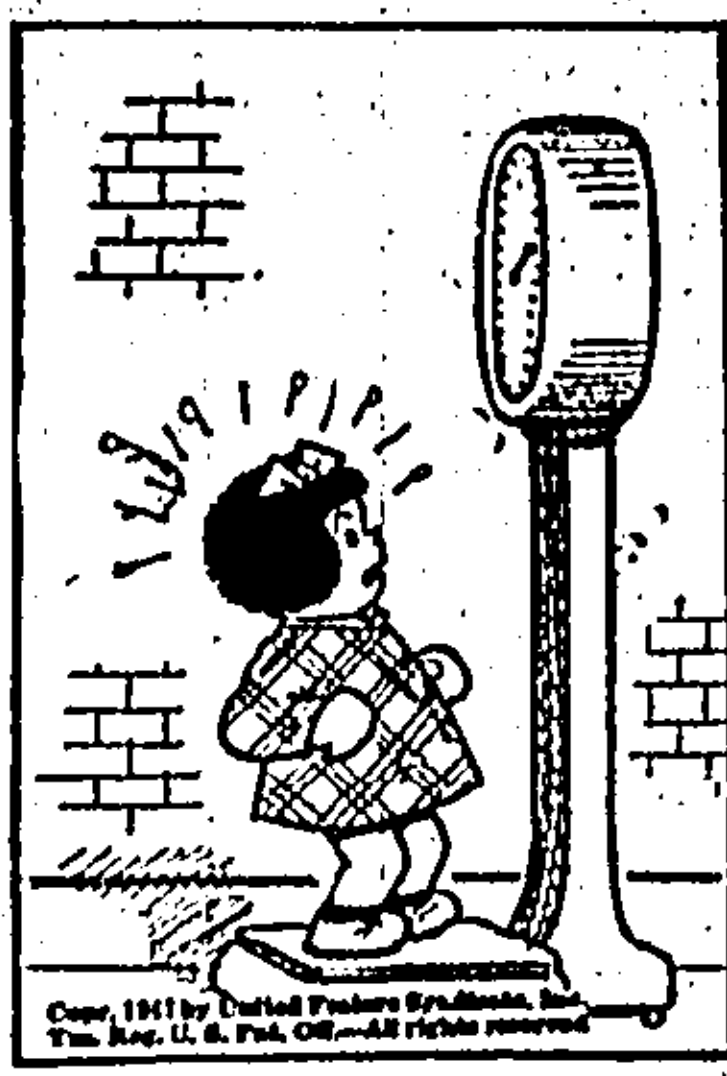
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

War Brings Greater Hardship To 200,000 Jews Still In Germany

By Joseph W. Grigg, Jr.
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

BERLIN, April 19 (UP).—A year and a half of war and the sacrifices it has imposed on all Germans has brought new hardships and distress to 200,000 Jews who still remain in Germany despite the government's severe anti-Semitic programme.

But, by a paradox, the war has broken down to some extent the rigid ostracism, bordering on actual ghetto conditions, under which these Jews lived since the violent anti-Jewish outbreak of November 1938.

As result of acute wartime labour shortage, thousands of Jews both men and women—have been drafted to work, always under the sharpest supervision, in munitions works and other factories where they previously had been barred completely.

Perhaps the most severe wartime hardships imposed on German Jews is that they get no ration cards for clothes or permits for shoes and coal. Upon introduction of ration cards a few months after the outbreak of the war, it was announced that they would not be issued to Jews. It was claimed the Jews were well-stocked with clothes and needed no more.

Lack Shoes

The Jews were not given clothing cards for 1941. Without such a card it is impossible to buy clothes. Since the beginning of the war they have been unable to obtain permits to buy shoes, and only in some instances have they been allowed to have their old shoes repaired.

The Jewish community faced this problem partially by donation of shoes and clothing by better-off Jews to the poorer ones. Doubtless many Aryan Germans "on the quiet" occasionally give cast-off clothes to former Jewish friends.

The Jews have the same basic food ration as Aryans, but the ration cards are marked with a large "J." Instead of having them delivered each month at home, the Jews must go in person to the food card offices at a specified time to collect their own cards.

Desperate State

They are not allowed skimmed milk, fish, game and poultry, which theoretically are not rationed, although in practice these can only be bought by Aryans at stores where

they are registered in advance. Furthermore, Jews are barred from occasional distributions to the general public of minute quantities of coffee, tea, candy, crackers, fruit and canned goods.

Many Jews, who were reduced almost to a desperate economic state through being barred from virtually every kind of employment, welcomed being drafted by German authorities for factory work.

The strictest supervision is exercised over the Jews in the factories, who generally work together in groups isolated from the Aryans. None the less, they are normally paid approximately the same wages as the Aryans.

Thousands of Jews, including middle-aged and elderly women, were called up both last winter and this winter for snow-shovelling gangs. Last winter they were paid the same rate as Berlin's municipal street-cleaners. One of the chief hardships, however, for the Jews taking these jobs and those in the factories is the lack of proper clothing.

Other Disabilities

All the disabilities imposed on the Jews before the outbreak of the war are still enforced rigidly. No Jews may enter a cafe, restaurant, cinema, theatre, museum, dance hall, swimming pool or other place of amusement. They are barred from Berlin's two main streets—Unter den Linden and Kurfuer Stendam. In the parks they may only sit on special yellow-painted benches marked with the letter "J." They are barred from any professional or social contact with Aryan Germans. Up to the outbreak of the war

Jews were emigrating from the Reich as fast as other countries would take them. Since then, and until recently, emigration has slowed down to a mere trickle, mostly by Siberia and Japan. In recent weeks, the United States has given several hundred visas to Jews who travelled via Switzerland and Lisbon.

Special Reserve Plan

After the conquest of Poland, it was apparently the government's original intention to transport all Jews from the Reich, including Bohemia and Moravia, to an area around Lublin, where a special reserve was to be created. This process started with the mass transportation of all Jews from Nuremberg and several other protected cities last winter.

The sudden expulsion of Jews from Stettin and other parts of Pomerania at a few hours notice occurred a few months later. Here, this process came to a standstill for the time being for reasons unknown, although it is presumed that it was largely to difficulties in the culminating feuds in the Lublin area.

Death Of Circus King Reported

Hagenbeck, one of the aristocrats of the circus, has died in a British internment camp in Ceylon, according to a German radio announcement. He died on December 15, it was added.

Three generations of the Hagenbeck family have been in the circus business. Carl, who started the family circus from a fish shop in Hamburg, died in 1913. The circus was at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, in 1935, and was later at Glasgow.



Dr. Walter A. Maier and family. Dr. Maier is the noted speaker of America's outstanding religious broadcast, "The Lutheran Hour," which is heard on Sundays over a network of 265 stations including Manila (KZRM—5.25 p.m.) and Shanghai (XMH—3 p.m.).

Japanese Naval Strategy Is Held To Be Backward

"THERE is no original design in Japan's warships or aircraft, so it is reasonable to expect lack of original thought in Japanese naval strategy," says the London magazine "Flight."

"All Japan's show of force has been obtained by aping the British Navy," the journal asserts.

"The Pacific is ideal for the use of aircraft-carriers."

"Japan's tonnage in aircraft-carriers is one-third that of Britain and the United States."

"Japan's aircraft-carriers are: 'Kaga' (26,000 tons), with 60 aircraft."

"Hiryu (10,050 tons), and Hoshio (7,470 tons), each carrying 40 aircraft."

"Ryuzo (7,100 tons), carrying 24 planes."

"In addition, there are five specialised seaplane carriers, each of about 10,000 tons."

Naval Air Service

"The Naval Air Service is credited with between 40 and 50 squadrons."

"Each of Japan's nine battleships about which information is available has one catapult, and carries two or three seaplanes."

"All Japanese cruisers of over 5,000 tons carry aircraft. Most of them are fitted with catapults."

CRITICISM IS SO BRACING

THE view that "it's not quite cricket" to criticise in wartime those in authority was vigorously contested by Captain H. H. Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, in a speech to Oxford University Conservatives recently.

If citizens—individually or through the Press—are ever stopped, he said, from criticism which, while not endangering the safety of the realm, is frank and free, away goes that liberty whose preservation is one of our primary war purposes.

"Go on criticising actions and individuals, because, provided this is in a constructive spirit, with the sole purpose of increasing our war effort, it is healthy and stimulating for all of us, whatever are our personal reactions."

Gracie Fields Now "Broke"

"I am broke," Gracie Fields, English film and radio star, said in New York recently.

"My £312,500 a year income from films and radio has been wiped out," she said.

"I earned £40,625 in Canada for the British war effort and £18,750 in the United States."

Gracie Fields took part in a carnival for Britain at the New York Radio Music Hall.

Formerly one of the highest-paid film actresses in the world, Gracie Fields went to America last June with her husband, Monty Banks, the producer.

Since then she has been touring Canada and the United States in aid of the British Red Cross Navy League, and Servicemen's Fund.

Blind—But The Army Took Him

RONALD MITCHELL, twenty-year-old trainee at the Royal Dundee Institution for the Blind, who is registered as "a blind person," has just returned to his work as a brush-maker at the institution after five months' service in the Army.

Ronald, who was twenty last June, registered in July, and at that time Mr. F. W. Hobby, manager of the Blind Institution, was on holiday.

Because of this the usual exemption certificate sent to the employment exchange when "blind persons" register was not sent in Ronald's case.

A month later he was called up, drafted to the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Reads Large Print

This is his own story:—"I was told before I left to join my unit that I was all right except for my eyesight."

"I am not actually blind. I can read fairly large print by holding the paper close to my eyes, but immediately daylight begins to fall I am totally blind. When night comes I see absolutely nothing."

"Nevertheless I managed fairly well with my drills."

Gets Discharge

"No one paid much attention to me for a time, but it gradually became known that I had to be led by some one else at night."

"I couldn't go alone for supper or for breakfast in the dark mornings, and this came to be talked about."

"Once things got moving in this way I wasn't long in getting my discharge."

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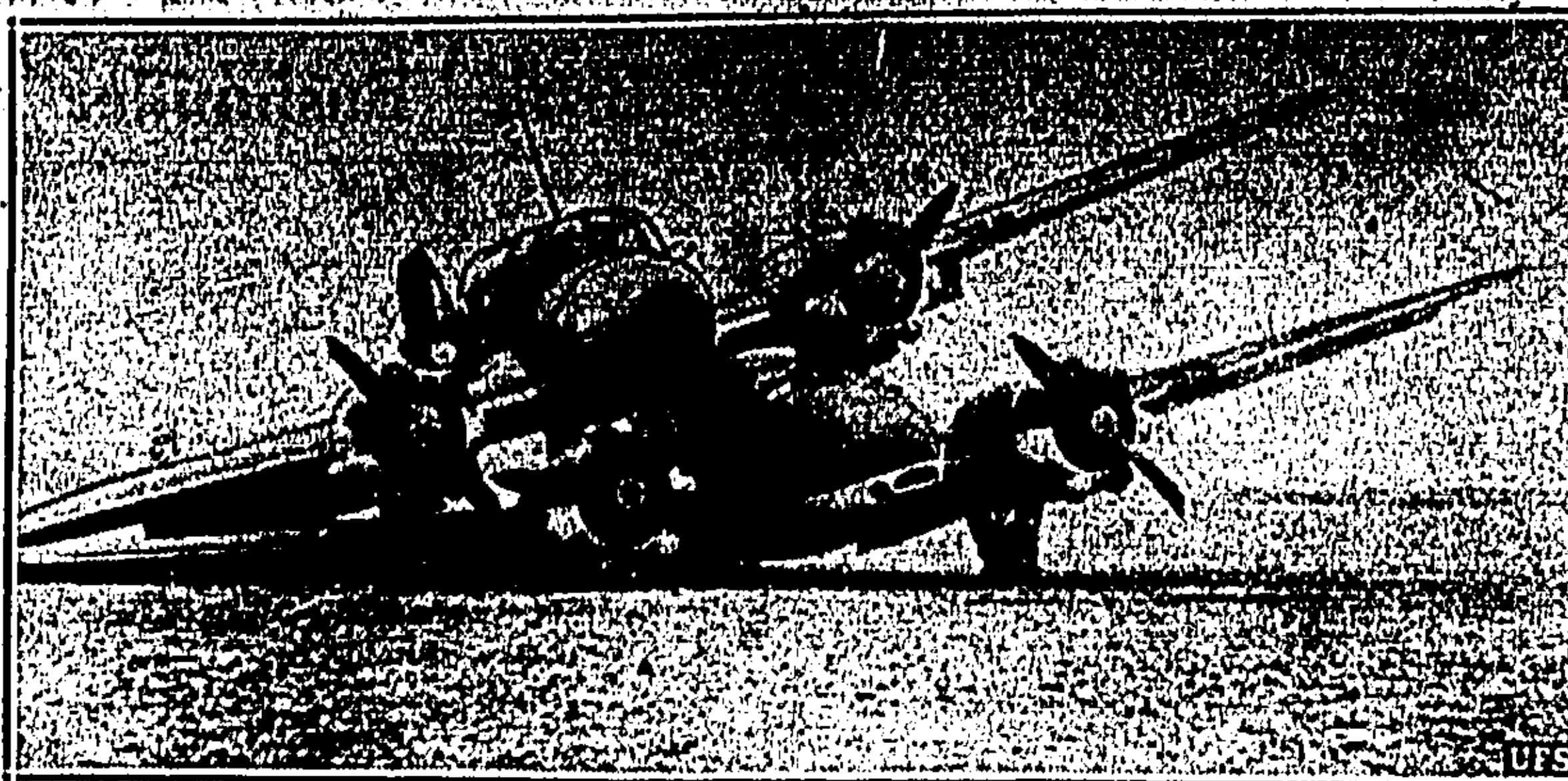
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Time-Limit Marriage For Baby's Sake

MARRIAGE for a year, then divorce, was the offer made by a young widow to a soldier whom she alleged had caused her pregnancy.

The offer was disclosed with a remarkable letter, read at Colne (Lancs.) police court recently, when Doris Summers, aged 26, was charged with sending to Robert Watson a letter threatening to murder him.

It was alleged that Summers, who lived with her father, met Watson about March last year when he was a civilian, and since he had joined the Army had corresponded with him.

When arrested she said: "Yes, I wrote the letter and sent it to Bob Watson." The letter stated:

Only Way Out
"Dear Bob,—If you are still determined that you won't do the right thing, I have decided to follow a plan I have had in mind for some time. This is the only way out that I can see which allows the baby care after I am dead."

"If you persist in your present attitude I will come down and kill you. Then I will be tried for your murder, but they won't hang me; at least, not till after the baby is born. This way I will be well looked after, and so will the child, which will be brought up by the State in an orphanage."

"If you feel inclined to pass this

off as hot air, Bob, just try to put your mind back six months. Remember me as I really am, not as I seem, with time and space between us, and I think you will realize that every word is deadly serious."

A Business Matter
"If you will marry me at once and grant me an allowance until the baby is 12 months old, I will make no further claim on you."

"We need never see each other again after the wedding. Later, when the legal time has elapsed, we could be divorced."

"You once told me that you loved me because I was intelligent, so you can be assured I have considered the situation from all its aspects."

"If you accept my plan we will not quarrel about anything. When you are here we will just regard the whole thing from a business point of view and remain friends."

She was remanded.

Explosive Found In Oranges

DR CHIAM WEIZMANN, the famous scientist who helped the Allies in the last war by extracting alcohol and acetone from wood and horse chestnuts, has now succeeded in producing acetone from oranges.

Acetone is an essential constituent of cordite, war's most widely used explosive.

Dr Weizmann made his new discovery in the Daniel Sieff laboratories in Palestine, and has now gone to England for consultations.

His new process may provide a new Eastern munition supply and save the citrus fruit industry of Palestine from ruin.

BRITISH AND GREEK TROOPS

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received whenever in contact with our men. Our casualties are light."

Systematic Withdrawal

CAIRO, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Continuing their systematic withdrawal in Greece, the Imperial forces have now evacuated Larissa and Trikkala but the Germans have failed to break through the Allied line at any point, according to the latest information reaching headquarters in Cairo.

The situation is described as still serious and is likely to remain so for a day or two.

The German advances have been effected at the cost of heavy losses.

Papen With Fuehrer

VICHY, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The German Ambassador to Turkey, Herr Franz von Papen, has been received by Hitler at his itinerant headquarters in the Balkans, according to news reaching here from Swiss sources.

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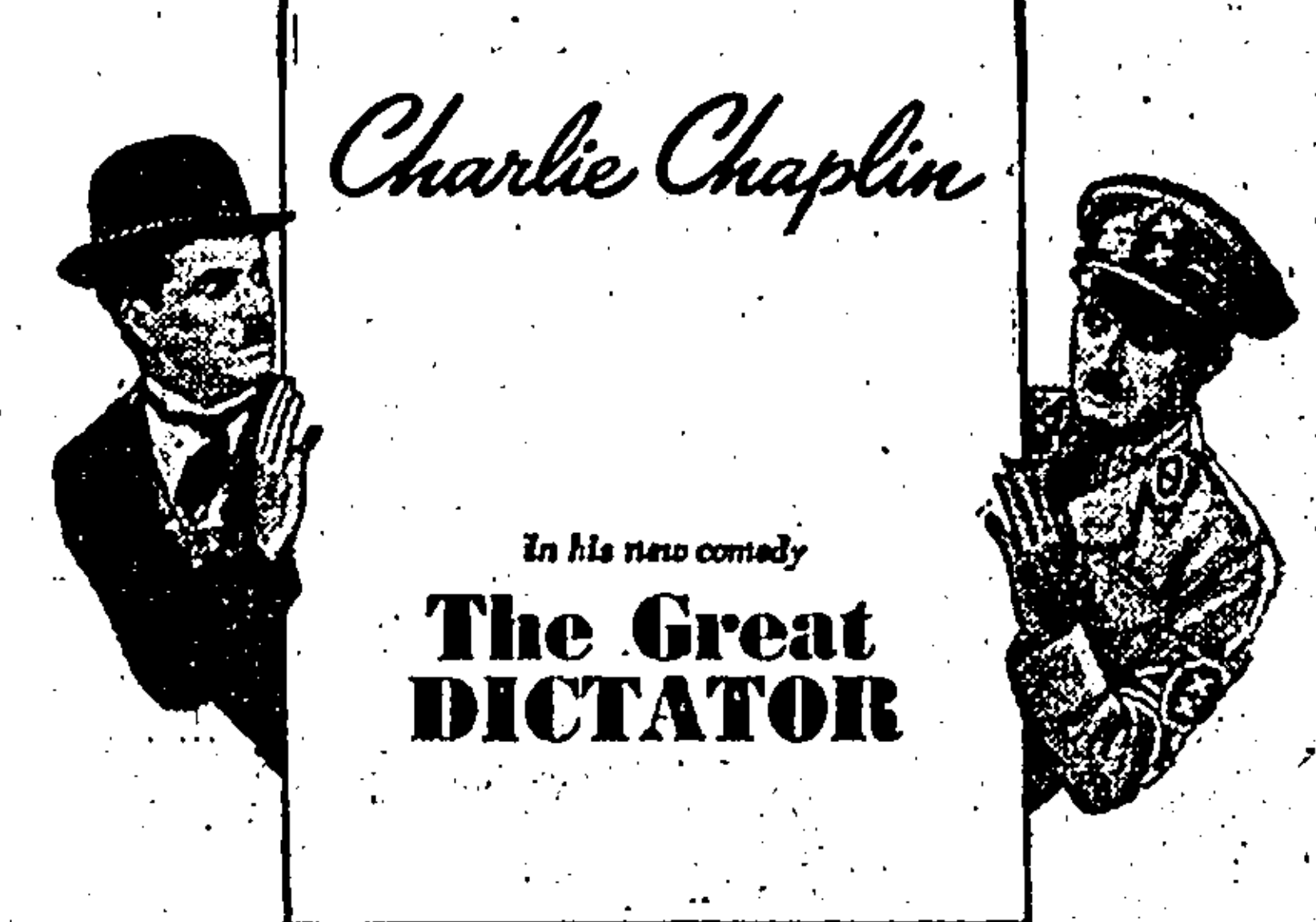
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NAZI REPRISAL ON DUTCH TOWN

Schiedam has had a 9 p.m. curfew imposed, and has been fined 10,000 guilders, by the Nazis because some young Dutchmen had given much drink to a Nazi soldier who accepted their hospitality. They sent him away to report to his station in a large orange ribbon—banned by the Nazis in Holland because it symbolizes the House of Orange—and with a large cardboard notice stuck on his back calling him a "Hitler Hound."

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WHITEAWAY'S

BRITISH AND GREEK TROOPS EFFECTING A SYSTEMATIC RETREAT

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, APR. 21 (UP).—GREEK REPORTS TO-NIGHT INDICATED THAT THE GERMANS ARE PREPARING TO DELIVER "ALL-OUT" ATTACKS IN AN EFFORT TO RUPTURE THE ANGLO-GREEK LINES AND TO OVERWHELM THE DEFENDERS WHO CONTINUE TO MAKE A SYSTEMATIC RETIREMENT.

Bulgarian Balkan Grab

From Serbs & Greeks

VICHY, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Bulgaria's share in the Axis land grab in the Balkans is outlined in a Sofia dispatch to the Vichy news agency.

The Yugo-Slav territory being occupied by Bulgarian troops is bounded, it says, by the River Vardar while in Greek Thrace, the whole area between the River Struma and Maritza is being occupied. (This part of Greek Thrace contains the port of Dedagatch and has figured prominently in Bulgaria's outstanding demand for an outlet to the Aegean Sea.)

First Stages

The dispatch says that these areas are believed to represent only the first stage of occupation. The Bulgarian Army will probably take over further territory later.

New frontiers will be fixed at a conference to be held, it is believed, in Vienna on Wednesday. Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, and Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, are said to have had several talks today in preparation for the conference.

Bulgars Advance

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Apr. 21 (UP).—The official news agency from Sofia quotes reports that the Macedonian towns of Piro and Skopje have been occupied by Bulgarian troops which are now advancing through the Vardar Valley towards the Yugo-Slav-Greek border.

Bulgarian troops in Thrace are advancing between Maritza and Struma towards the Aegean seacoast.

BLACK SWAN

Churchillian Protege
Escapes Bombs

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—In one quiet stretch of inland water near the south coast peacefully lived seven white swans and one Australian black swan, the last named an escapee from Mr Churchill's home in Westminster, Kent.

A recent enemy bomb explosion slaughtered the seven white swans but the Australian black swan was unscathed.

Local residents interpret this as a happy omen of Mr Churchill's policy.

New Greek Premier's Message To Nation

ATHENS, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The Foreign Minister, Dr Emmanuel Tsouderos, has been appointed Prime Minister in succession to the late Dr Alexander Korizis. He took the oath of allegiance at midday.

The remainder of the Cabinet is unchanged.

To The End

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—"The Government takes on the administration of the country without hesitation. We shall carry on our country's fight to a victorious finish," declared Dr Emmanuel Tsouderos, the new Greek Prime Minister, in a message to the nation, according to the Athens wireless.

"He paid tribute to Greece's glorious dead, and continued: 'The whole nation will continue the struggle until Greece, the Balkans and Europe are free of the invaders.' 'Greeks, take courage! Let no one in Greece be found lacking in courage.'"

British reports again indicated that rearguard detachments were principally engaged on the flanks for slowing down the German advance while the main forces continue to retire to a new defence line.

German claims of advancing south of Larissa and crossing the Pindus range to the west, if true, indicate that the British and Greeks are engaged in a general retirement for which the British press is apparently preparing public opinion.

Greek reports indicated that the Germans are trying to overwhelm the defenders in a series of decisive engagements.

Uncle Sam Considers New Taxes

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The people of the United States may shortly have to pay more in income tax.

It is reported that the Treasury has proposed to Congress that the basic individual rate for income tax shall be increased from 4.4 to 6.6 per cent. part of the programme for raising \$3,500,000,000 of new revenue in the next fiscal year.

Other proposals reported include an increase in corporate tax from 24 to 30 per cent, an increase in surtax and its application to smaller incomes, and a new tax on railway passenger fares.

Higher taxes are also said to be contemplated on the following: estates and gifts, petrol, whisky and other spirits, beer, wine, cigarettes, motor cars, mechanical refrigerators, sweets, chewing gum and soft drinks.

Ernest Brown Thanks U. S. President

Red Cross Appeal

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The Minister of Health, Mr Ernest Brown, thanked President Roosevelt to-day for supporting the British Red Cross appeal for American doctors to serve with the British fighting services and civilian hospitals.

In a message issued to the Press, Mr Brown said: "Most sincerely do I thank Mr Roosevelt. Our need for such reinforcement is urgent and I assure all who join up in our great cause that they will receive a warm welcome from us and will form an integral part of our own services."

A Health Ministry spokesman explained that British doctors at the beginning of the war had rushed to the colours and so many were now serving with the forces that the authorities felt that the civilian population was being endangered. Hence the appeal to the United States, which Mr Roosevelt, as President of the American Red Cross, endorsed.

Capture of Larissa SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Apr. 21 (UP).—The Germans captured Larissa after terrific street fighting. Contingents of the Imperial forces fought their way through the town while the Nazis were using tanks and machine-guns, ambushing the British at every corner. The town is burning from an air bombardment.

The British are taking up a new line south of Larissa which is shorter and easier to defend. Stretching through the mountain ranges, big guns and troops are already in position.

Trikkala Evacuated, Report
CAIRO, Apr. 21 (UP).—Well informed sources revealed that Trikkala as well as Larissa have been evacuated. The new defence positions are situated on terrain lending itself to defence. Reports that large numbers of Axis have been cut off are scouted, although it is pointed out that during the withdrawal it is possible that some of the advance forces became separated from the main body.

"Cautious" Advance

ATHENS, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—A "cautious" German advance is reported in a communique issued by the headquarters of the British forces in Greece to-day.

It says: "Despite continuous bombing, the ordered withdrawal of our forces to new positions continues and is nearing completion. The enemy is advancing very cautiously, partly owing to bad roads and largely because of the rough handling he has TURN to Back Page, Column 5

DUCE'S VICEROY REJECTS TERMS Fight To Death

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The Duke of Aosta, Viceroy and C-in-C Italian forces in Abyssinia, has rejected the demand stated to have been made by Lieut-General A. G. Cunningham that the Italians should lay down their arms, says the Italian official agency in Rome.

The Duke has assured Il Duce that the struggle will be continued everywhere to the death.

The demand, the agency says, was in connection with negotiations for the protection of the white population in Abyssinia.

Must Lay Down Arms

General Cunningham is stated to have informed the Italian envoy that if they were to assume this responsibility, the British demanded that the Italians should lay down their arms.

The Duke of Aosta demanded the confirmation of this statement in writing.

General Cunningham then sent a message confirming his oral statement. The following reply was sent by the Duke, according to the official Italian announcement: "I reject the proposals of a military nature which you have put forward without taking them into consideration. The responsibility for the treatment of the white population rests with you, from this moment when the British forces or native forces were organized and armed by you to occupy localities inhabited by whites."

Nazis Bringing Pressure On Spain To Join Axis Line-Up

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Apr. 21 (UP).—Hitler's armies and aeroplanes pounded unceasingly on the third—but still unbroken—Allied defence line in Greece, while Britain intently watched the increasing signs of new Axis moves in Rumania, the Near East and through Spain toward Gibraltar.

Yugo-Slavia's King Escapes By Air

VICHY, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—King Peter of Yugo-Slavia has arrived at Jerusalem from Athens, according to a Jerusalem dispatch to the Vichy news agency. He is stated to be accompanied by Yugo-Slav Prime Minister, General Simovitch, and the Foreign Minister.

The dispatch adds that Dr Matchek, the Croat leader and Vice-Premier in the Yugo-Slav Government, remained in Croatia.

R.A.F.'s BIG BAG OVER ATHENS

CAIRO, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—A Middle East R.A.F. communique notifies that the R.A.F. yesterday secured its biggest "bag" in one day since Germany began her offensive in Greece.

At least 10 enemy aircraft were shot down. Fourteen were shot down and destroyed in a big air battle over Athens between a very large formation of German aircraft and British fighters. Seven were dive-bombers, five were Messerschmitts and two were unidentified.

A considerable number of other German aircraft were severely damaged and probably did not reach their base.

Seven British aircraft failed to return but it is known that three of the pilots are safe.

Some damage was caused at R.A.F. aerodromes. The communique says that enemy-occupied aerodromes and troop columns on the move were successfully attacked by our bombers during Saturday night. Heavy bombers were used in the raid on Katarani aerodrome and a fire was caused which was visible 60 miles away.

Letters By Film Army Goes Modern

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—A novel method of correspondence from the Imperial forces in the Middle East will shortly be introduced.

It is called "Aigraph," a system under which servicemen's letters will be photographed on to a miniature film which will be sent to Britain by air for enlarged copies to be taken and delivered within a fortnight from the time of writing.

The system will permit more frequent and larger mail: since 4,500 letters negatives weigh only one pound.

The charge for each letter will be 3d.

A similar mail from Britain to the Middle East will be introduced as soon as the technical arrangements are completed.

Bombs On Holland

THE HAGUE, Apr. 21 (UP).—It is officially reported that during the week-end British bombs were dropped on several places which resulted in 12 people being killed and 18 wounded.

Premier, Gen.
Antonescu
His Position Delicate



Total Collapse Of Rumania Possible: Soviet Troops Mass On Moldavia Border

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUDAPEST, Apr. 21 (UP).—According to Hungarian sources, General Antonescu's Rumanian Government is reported to be in an extremely critical position as a result of the threatened loss of German support, plus the rumours that Soviet troops are massed on the Moldavian border.

Traffic between Hungary and Rumania has been halted and Rumanian guards have fired on all persons attempting to cross the border.

Unrest In Rumania

In Rumania there are indications that unrest is increasing. Hungarian sources—obviously hostile to Bucharest—reported that the government of General Antonescu is in danger of losing German support, due to the Iron Guard pressure to regain territory taken last year from Rumania by Hungary.

Hitler is said to have refused to permit Rumania to occupy part of defeated Yugo-Slavia and rumours are being circulated that Russian forces are ready to move into Rumania and Moldavia if the Antonescu regime collapses.

On the actual war fronts, the British and Greeks are under increasing pressure as the Germans surge down across the plains of Thessaly and, according to Athens press, they have brought up huge reinforcements in the drive to obtain definite results.

Antonescu Versus Guards
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Apr. 21 (UP).—Authoritative sources stated reports from Bucharest are that General Antonescu has taken a firm stand against Rumania's Iron Guards who were responsible for the January putsch.

They added that General Antonescu is still recognized as authoritative head of the state because the German and Rumanian nations cannot be affected by internal dissenters.

LATEST

Another Cheque For Bombers

A cheque was handed to the Hongkong Government this morning for \$90,200.42, being the equivalent of £6,000, for telegraphic transfer to the British Government, being the 21st instalment sent home from the Bomber Fund.

The total remitted to-date stands at £114,889-10-6, the total now amounting to £1,847,200.73.

See Back Page For
Further Late News

Canada's Exchange Problem Is Solved

OTTAWA, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Mr W. L. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, has returned from the United States. He declared that his visit, in which he arranged the joint utilisation of United States and Canadian resources had proved "much better than a holiday."

Officials expect the arrangement to benefit both countries immensely; it means that Canada's exchange problem has been solved for the duration of the war.

According to general interpretation here, the United States will accommodate Canada for the lack of dollar exchange by accepting a large volume of Canadian materials and by providing Canada, under the Lend-Lease Act, with materials entering into equipment and munitions destined for the United Kingdom.

Canada's adverse payments balance to the United States in the last 12 months is unofficially estimated at \$325,000,000.

Canada's War Spending

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MONTREAL, Apr. 21 (UP).—The Naval Minister, Mr Angus MacDonald, in a speech here to-day disclosed that Canada must devote 46 per cent of her national income to financing the war effort.

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By John Gay

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-cession.
12.30 Selections from Musical Comedy.
"Follow a Star"—Vocal Gems (Ellis)...Light Opera Company;
"Show Boat"—Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man (Hammerstein 2nd and Kern);
Marie Burke and the Musical Sextette with Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra; Bill (P. G. Wodehouse and Kern); Marie Burke (Soprano) with Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra;
"The Cat and the Fiddle" Selection (Harcourt and Kern)...New Mayfair Orchestra; "Wild Violets"—You, Just You, (Carter-Stolz)...Anne Ziegler and Webster Booth with Orchestra.

1 Local Time Signal.
1.01 Sydney Gaiety at the Organ.
1.13 Vocal and Piano Duets by Ede Randolph and Jack Buchanan and Ravley and Landauer.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 Dance Music.
2.15 Close Down.
3.45 Indian Programme.
9.20 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Barnabas von Gezy and His Orchestra with Heddie Bach (Tenor).
Malaga (Rikner); Poem (Fibich) Barnabas von Gezy and his Orchestra; Passing By (Herrick and Purcell).
Hubert, Eisdell, Heddie Bach, Dennis Noble and Norman Allan; Fresh Breezes (Borghesi); In Merry Mood (Haringer)...Barnabas von Gezy and his Orchestra; I Know of Two Bright Eyes (Clusam); Elly Mavourneen (from "The Lily of Killarney")...Heddie Nash (Tenor); Hindu Song (from "Sudok")...Triste (Sibell)...Barnabas von Gezy and his Orchestra.
7 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—Talk: "Britain Speaks."
7.30 Portuguese Programme.
8 Local Time Signal and Announcements.
8.02 John Gay's "The Beggar's Opera."

(Musical Version by Frederic Austin); Singers in order of appearance: Bruce Flegg, Roy Henderson, Constance Willis, Audrey Midway, Michael Redgrave, Ruby Gilchrist, Linda Gray, Joseph Farrington, Alys Brough, with Chorus and Orchestra conducted by Michael.
8.54 Violin Lullaby.
Intermezzo (Souvenir de Vienne) Otto Kyndel.
9 London Relay—The News.
9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."
9.30 Arthur Rubinstein (Piano) and Galli-Curci (Soprano).
Grande Polonaise, Op. 22 (Chopin); Russian Nightingale Song (Alabieff)...Galli-Curci (Soprano); La Cathedrale Engloutie, (Debussy); Capriccio in B Minor, Op. 76 (Brahms)...Arthur Rubinstein (Piano); Parla—Valse (Arditi); The Gypsy and the Bird (Benedict)...Galli-Curci (Soprano); Minuet and Trio (Schubert)...Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).
9.45 News in French (on Short Wave Only).
10 London Relay—"Scots Abroad."
10.15 A Light Scottish Programme with Sir Harry Lauder.
It's A' Roon Th' Toon (Lauder); Sir Harry Lauder (Baritone); Medley of Old Time Songs...Sydney Gustard at the Organ; Mr John Mackay (Lauder)...Sir Harry Lauder; Strip the Willow (Duck)...Scottish Country Dance Orchestras; I've Something in the Bottle for the Morning (Lauder and Grafton)...Sir Harry Lauder.
10.35 A Swing Programme.
11 Close Down.

Telling The World
Intensification of the B.B.C.'s foreign broadcasts means that Britain in effect is now putting out six overseas radio services operating for a total of 64 1/2 hours a day.
Using dozens of different wavelengths and speaking in 32 languages, the hundreds of announcers, artists, expert commentators and authorities from foreign countries are able to make the voice and opinion of Britain and her Allies heard throughout the world.
In addition, the B.B.C. is picking up and recording each day about 500,000 words in 30 different languages broadcast from all corners of the earth.

Escaped Prisoners
Shot, Recaptured
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
OTTAWA, Apr. 21 (UP)—The Canadian Defence Department today announced that two of the 28 German-war prisoners who escaped from an Ontario internment camp last Sunday have been killed and 20 others captured.

PROMOTION
China Campaign Veteran
Called To Tokyo
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NAGASAKI, Apr. 21 (Domel)—Lieut-General Walehiro Sonobe, who has been appointed Supreme War Councillor, arrived here this evening aboard the Nagasaki Maru en route to Tokyo from the Central China front where he has been active in the battle of Ichang, the second campaign in eastern Chekiang, and other successful operations.

Quiet Birthday
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 21 (UP)—Princess Elizabeth today spent her birthday quietly in the country with the King and Queen and her sister Margaret. Flags in honour of the occasion flew from many public buildings in London.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS
H.K. Banks \$.....1.345 n.
H.K. Banks P. \$.....73 1/2 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....78 1/2 n.
Chartered £.....8 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....21 1/2 n.
Mercantile C. £.....10 1/2 n.
East Asia \$.....70 b.

INSURANCES
Cantons \$.....222 1/2 n.
Union \$.....425 n.
China Underwriters \$.....1 n.
H.K. Fire \$.....187 n.

SHIPPING
Douglas \$.....135 n.
Steamboats \$.....84 n.
Indo-China P. \$.....60 b.
Indo-China D. \$.....60 n.
Shell (Barrers) \$.....40 7/8 n.
Waterboats \$ x d.....6.55 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves \$.....85 1/2 n.
Docks \$.....15 n.
Providents \$.....5.10 n.
Shai Dockyards \$.....24 1/2 n.

MINING
Kailan s/-.....14/- n.
Rauks \$.....8 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS
Hotels \$ x d.....2.00 n.
Lands \$.....333 n.
Lands 4% Debentures.....97 1/2 n.
Shai Lands \$.....12 1/2 n.
Humphreys \$.....6.80 b.
H.K. Realities \$.....3.10 n.
Chinese Estates \$......99 n.

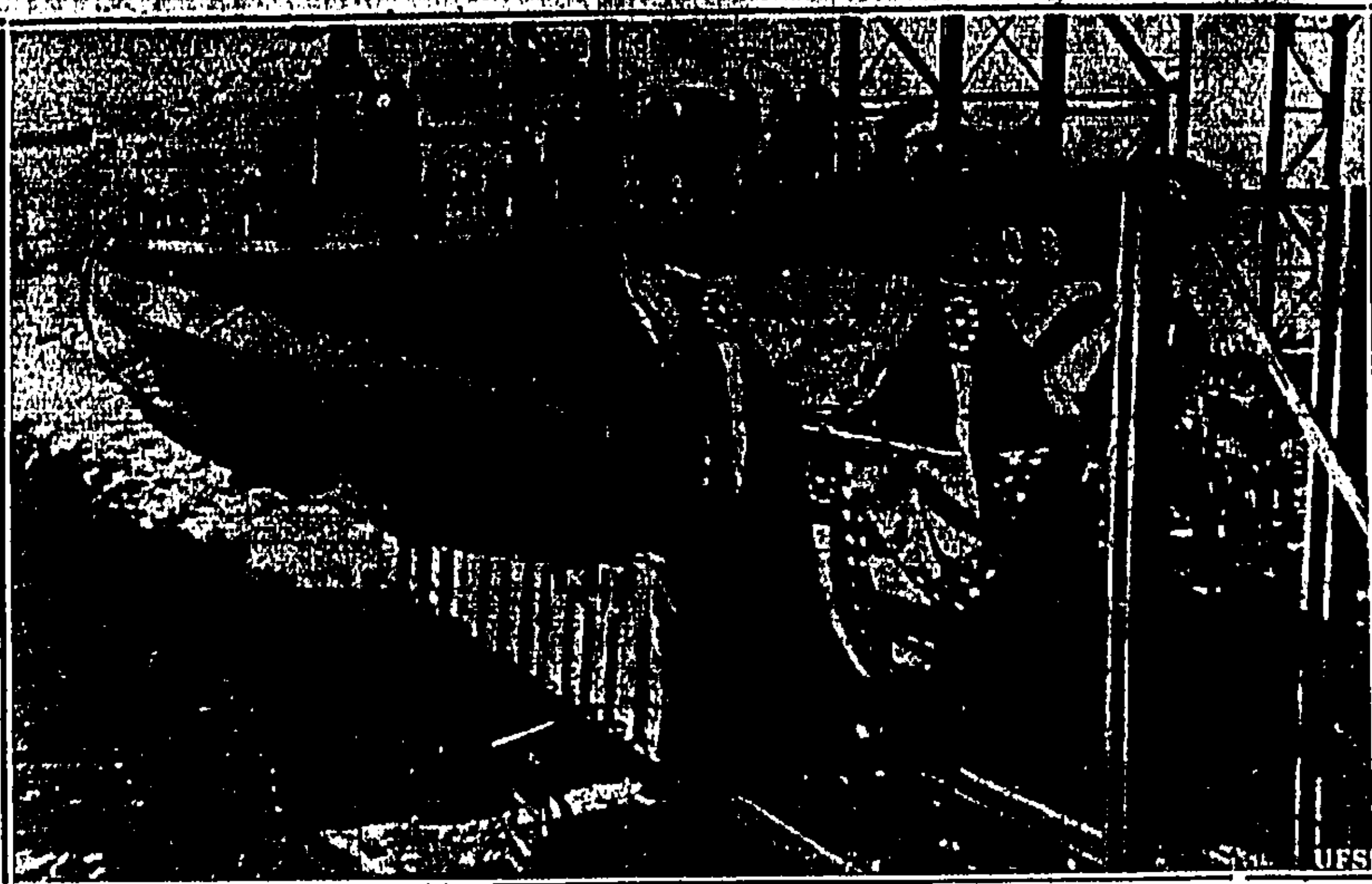
UTILITIES
Trams \$.....10 1/4 n.
Peaks Trams (old) \$.....7 1/4 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries \$......52 n.
Chi Ferries \$.....23 1/2 n.
China Lights (old).....6.20 n.
China Lights (new).....1.70 n.
Lights \$.....50 cts. n.
H.K. Electric (old) x. rts. 26.20 n.
H.K. Electric (new).....25 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric Rts.....18 n.
Macao Electric (old) \$.....10 b.
Macao Electric (new) \$.....13 b.
Sandakan Lights \$.....12 n.
Telephones (old) \$.....23 1/2 n.
Telephones (new) \$.....9 1/4 n.

INDUSTRIALS
Cald: Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$.....30 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$.....25 n.
Canton Ices \$.....1 n.
Cements \$ x d.....15 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes \$.....7 n.

STORES, &c.
Dairy Forms \$.....17 1/2 n.
Watsons \$.....9 1/4 n.
Lane Crawford \$.....7 1/4 n.
Simears \$.....2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....30 n.
Powell Ltd. \$.....1.00 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. \$.....37 1/4 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$.....200 n.

MISC.
H.K. Govt 4%......97 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934).....94 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934).....94 n.
Ch Govt 5% 1925 GSds.....23 n.
H.K. Entertainments \$......04 n.
Constructions (old) \$.....1.00 n.
Constructions (new) \$......72 n.
Vibro Piling \$......72 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-......0/3 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-......2/6 n.



ANOTHER UNDERSEA CRAFT—For the first time in years the public was barred from the launching of a submarine, when Uncle Sam's latest undersea craft slid down the ways at New London, Conn. She's the Grayback, 300 feet long and is 21st submarine launched at New London since 1933.

Thailand Prepares to Assume Rule of Cambodia and Laos

By Darrell Berrigan

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

BANGKOK, Apr. 20 (UP).—One million persons in Cambodia and Laos will become citizens of Thailand as a result of the Franco-Thai peace conference at Tokyo, according to Thai estimates here.

The Ministry of Interior plans to establish an "Indo-China Affairs Department" to carry out the task of administering and developing the new territory as soon as the permanent treaty is signed and the Franco-Thai frontier demarcation commissions have finished their work.

In the meantime, a commission is conducting the administration of the territory in Indo-China occupied by the Thai forces in their drive into the French colony before the armistice.

According to authorized quarters here, the inhabitants of the new territory will be given all the privileges granted to Thai citizens under the constitution adopted in 1932.

These quarters said it is difficult to estimate the number of people within the new Thai territories because large numbers of Cambodians and Laotians have evacuated into French territory to escape Thai rule, while others have entered the new Thai rule to escape the French.

Thai Electorates
That citizens have had a hand in the election of minor officials for centuries. Villagers elect their own chiefs, or Pu-yai-ban. The chiefs then choose a commune of elders (Kam-nan) to carry out the administration of the villages. This system is also traditional in Laos and Cambodia, and has been continued by the French to facilitate local government.

Thailand is divided into changvads (provinces) with sub-divisions called amphurs. The changvad governors and amphur commissioners are appointed by the Ministry of Interior, of which at present the Premier, Major-General Luang Pibul Songgram, is head. This system insures Bangkok its place as the fountain head of government.

The Parliament
The Thai constitution established a Parliament half of whose membership is chosen by the people directly and the other half by the King, or, in the present case, by the Council of Regency, with the approval of the government. The government, therefore, holds the balance of power in Parliament.
Each changvad elects one representative, or one for each 200,000 population. At present there are 98 appointed members of parliament and an equal number of elected members.

Female Suffrage
Although female suffrage is provided by the constitution, no woman has ever yet won a seat in parliament. Several have tried, however.
Liberals complain that it is difficult to overcome the feeling against women openly participating in politics. Historically, however, the wives of Thai kings—and some have had over 100 at one time—have played a part in politics for centuries.

An extraordinary session of parliament will be convened for the ratification of the permanent peace treaty as soon as it is signed in Tokyo, an authoritative source revealed.

Royal Decrees
Following the ratification, two Royal decrees will be issued. The first will establish the new territories officially as changvads, giving them legal standing under the constitution. The second will provide for the election of village chiefs and changvad representatives to parliament. For each representative named by the people of the new areas, the government will appoint another, thus keeping representation of the people and the government equal.

The first session of parliament at which the new changvads will be represented is expected to be the next ordinary session, which convenes next September to debate the budget.

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Artist Heads Union Of Wartime Firemen
FOUR professional men who have become wartime firemen in London have started a trade union for auxiliary firemen.
Chairman is a Scot, Mr. Loris Roy, artist and sculptor, who has exhibited his work in London. His co-founders are Mr. L. Rouse Jones (London barrister), Mr. Michael Wassey (advertising agent) and Mr. John Jenner (Covent Garden salesman).

The new organization is called the National Union of Auxiliary Firemen.
Mr. Rouse Jones (who is joint secretary with Mr. Wassey) said: "There are already four unions who admit war time firemen as members but we are convinced of the need for an organization that is exclusively our own."
"Already we have 2,000 members, and we are spreading to the provinces. There are no paid officials."

Employment Conditions
Attention will be called to conditions of employment which the union thinks should be remedied.
Resolutions will be moved calling on the Government to grant auxiliary firemen the same illness and injury pay or pensions as are drawn by regular firemen. The union complains that at present a man injured on duty is dismissed from the service if he does not recover within thirteen weeks.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 3/4
Demand London	1/2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai	400
T.T. Singapore	52 1/4
T.T. Japan	102 1/4
T.T. India	82 1/4
T.T. U.S.A.	24
T.T. Manila	40
T.T. Batavia	40
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/4
T.T. Saigon	104
T.T. France	102
T.T. Switzerland	102
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/4
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/4
4 m/s France	84 1/4
30 d/s India	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.02 1/2

BRITISH CASHING IN ASSETS Securities In U.S. Sold

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Including an overnight order requisitioning a further 104 United States securities for payment on June 3, the British Treasury has altogether mobilised 521 Wall Street issues since February, 1940.
The present list includes 69 common stocks, 56 preferred stocks and 39 bonds. Besides well-known securities such as the Aluminum Company, Pullman and Ohio Railway, Cities Service Company, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, International Paper and Power Company, Monsanto Chemical Company, National Biscuit Company, Phelps-Dodge Corporation, Shell-Union Oil Corporation (controlled by Royal Dutch Shell), Southern Railway, Standard Brands Incorporated, Standard Oil of Indiana and Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, the list includes the names of "lame ducks," clearly showing the extent to which the Treasury is scrapping from the barrel to mobilise all possible dollars.

Peiping Boycott Of British

PEIPING, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Boycott of British goods was yesterday described by Lang Ying-hsu, Chairman of the Peiping Peoples' Anti-British Association, as one of the most important tasks of that body.
He said: "British goods have almost disappeared from the local markets as a result of our efforts in the past two years in addition to the interruption in the importation of such goods."
"During the past month, we exercised great vigilance in regard to the sale of British goods."

No Leniency

He urged that no leniency should be shown to anyone openly selling British goods.
Another important aim of the Association, he added, was to urge Chinese landlords to take possession again of houses they had leased to Britons.
Summing up his report, the speaker concluded: "I have merely given a report on what is important and can be published. There are still many other activities which it is inadvisable to mention here."

Headless Corpse

The gruesome discovery of the headless corpse of a male on a hillside in Tai O, New Territories, was made by a farmer about 7 a.m. on Saturday. The body was in a decomposed state and has not yet been identified.

Chungking New Appointments

CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (Central News).—The National Government announced the following appointments yesterday:
Mr. Yin Jen-hsien, Director of the Public Loans Department of the Ministry of Finance;
Mr. Ma Tai-chun, Director of the Salt Revenue Department of the Ministry of Finance;
Mr. Li Jui, Secretary of the Ministry of Finance;
Mr. Liu Kai, Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Washington.

SABOTAGE BY BELGIANS Nazi Punishment

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Following numerous acts of sabotage and "hostility" towards the Army of Belgium in the Hainaut Province, the German authorities have issued a threat of severe reprisals, states "Inbel" (Free Belgian news agency).
There, it states, will include taking hostages, suspension of the return of Belgian prisoners of war and the withdrawal of facilities for obtaining food supplies.

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The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 10th April. Apr. 28.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 26th April. May 3.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 10th April. Apr. 28.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 26th April. May 3.

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Reg. Apr. 25, 4 p.m.

Ord. Apr. 25, 4.30 p.m.

Saturday, Apr. 26

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"

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Reg. Apr. 26, 5 p.m.

Ord. Apr. 26, 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, May 3

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"

K.P.O. and G.P.O.

Reg. May 3, 5 p.m.

Ord. May 3, 5.30 p.m.

Donations To Causes

Acknowledgments

A total of \$1,700.747.53 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:
Collected at the A.F.S. Dinner on 10.4.41 by Miss R. Remedios, A.F.S. Treasurer, \$50
Mr. and Mrs. D. Needham (monthly donation), \$20
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The following is a list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch:
Previously acknowledged, \$100 and \$69.40.80.
Mr. Hancock (monthly), \$20; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Jordan (monthly), \$10; Dr. K. W. Chiam (monthly), \$20; Some members of the staff of Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd. (Feb. and March), \$212; The Kowloon Dock Recreation Club for 31 Dunlans (Feb/March), \$110; Miss Mary, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. D. Tolan in memory of the late Mr. Crofton, \$5; "Anonymous", \$2; Lun. Fook, \$10; Leachin, \$10; Miscellaneous Sale per Mrs. A. Hayward, \$4.10; Sale of one C.I.F.S. Badge per Mrs. Smith, \$1; Sale of one C.I.F.S. Badge per Querry Bay Working Party, \$10; result of the benefit performance of film "World in Flames" at the Queen's Theatre on 10/4/41, \$170.20; Mrs. M. M. Drake (monthly), \$10; Davies, Brooke and Grant (monthly), \$20; John Forbes (monthly), \$22; Anonymous, \$10; M. G. Carruthers (monthly), \$15; Q.A.M.N.S. Moss (monthly), \$15.

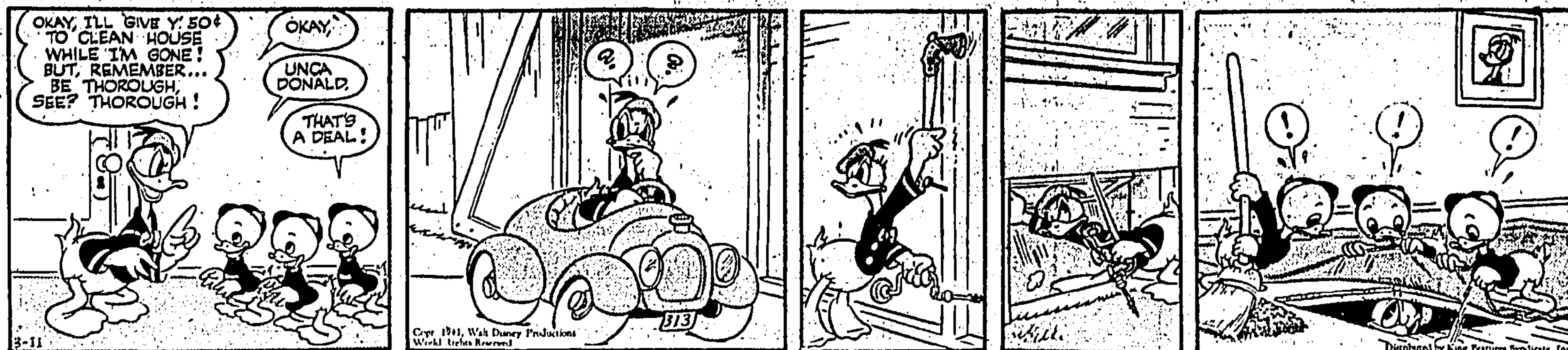
The following donations have been received in memory of the late Mr. T. E. Elliott by the Too He Kowloon Circle: For Circle Funds, Anonymous, \$10; for Boys' Club Funds, Anonymous, \$30.

Stabilisation Fund

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21 (UP).—Treasury sources today told the "United Press" that the \$50,000,000 Chinese stabilisation agreement will be signed by Mr. T. V. Soong and Mr. Henry Morgenthau on Tuesday or Wednesday, because all the negotiations are completed and only the clerical work in drawing up the contract in final form for the signatures remains to be done.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
 1—Threepenny
 2—Expressions of hearty
 3—Large anthropoid
 4—Renders misshapen
 5—Speech
 6—Ostrich-like bird
 7—Happening every day
 8—Two thousand
 9—Pounds
 10—Mistake
 11—Line of coaches
 12—Feminine virtue
 13—African antelope
 14—Abstract conception
 15—of being
 16—Ferrous metal
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 18—for fastening
 19—Alarming at
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 23—Leaser dairy
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 25—Roe (Scottish)
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 27—Branches of
 28—learning
 29—Tibetan capital
 30—Cliff's name
 31—type (archaic)
 32—Canine teeth
 33—Good (French)
 34—English seaside
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 1—Throbbing sound
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 4—Minstrel

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
 1—Boundary
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 4—Film comedienne
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 6—Egg of louse
 7—Record of events
 8—Robber
 9—Removes
 10—Hurried
 11—Larks
 12—Bustling-like fabric
 13—(French)
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 15—Propels oneself in
 16—water
 17—Piece of cloth
 18—Source of metal
 19—Capitulate
 20—Depressing (Scottish)
 21—Bald
 22—Dancers
 23—One who longs for
 24—somewhat
 25—Roof with discontin-
 26—uous slope
 27—Scottish Duke under
 28—William III
 29—Pertaining to head
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 33—Cliff's name
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 35—Male deer
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 for eye

The Strangest Job In The Cabinet



An interview with Mr Arthur Greenwood, the Minister concerned with the study of after-war reconstruction problems, by HENRY LONGHURST.

WHEN, as Mr Churchill put it in describing the end of the last war, "the lever is pulled—Full Steam Astern," and the vast war machine comes at last to a halt, what then?

Economic chaos, poverty, slump, unemployment? Or a better, greater democracy with security and a fair chance for every man?

We cannot settle comfortably down to solve these problems on Armistice Day. They have to be tackled now.

The man appointed by the Prime Minister to make the first survey of how, having won the war, we may win the peace, is Mr Arthur Greenwood, Minister Without Portfolio.

Officially his title is "Chairman of the Ministerial Committee charged with the study of post-war reconstruction problems." But he does not expect to see that reconstruction completed in his lifetime. Thirty, even fifty, years he thinks it may take.

MOBILISE BRAINS

"If we win the war in a military sense," he says, "and then can't show that we can make democracy work, we've as good as lost the war."

Mr Greenwood, all his life, has been a good "Party" man. But he will have no question of mere partisanship in his present work.

He emphasised, as did the Prime Minister recently, that neither he nor any State Ministry can build a new heaven and a new earth. "We must build the kind of country

the people want and are themselves willing to build.

And so he has begun by becoming a kind of clearing house for ideas, as expressed by "responsible" shades of opinion.

He will listen not only to trade unions and employers' federations, but also to bodies like the Institute of International Affairs, the Workers' Educational Association, and the 1940 Council, consisting of scientists, doctors, lawyers, business men and women, presided over by Lord Balfour of Burleigh.

"My business will be to mobilise the brains, experience, insight, imagination of all the people who can be of real use," said Mr Greenwood. "This job has got to be a vast co-operative enterprise."

"I've got no department here at the moment—just a man and a boy, as you might say—and no departmental limitations; and, believe me, I understand something about those!"

"There is no Minister of Reconstruction yet. What we shall see after the war is successive Governments of Reconstruction."

Mr Churchill, incidentally, has hinted that he will set up a Ministry of Reconstruction. After the last war this Ministry was a failure. It is common political knowledge, though Mr Greenwood himself did not say so, that it failed because the other Ministries each wished to do their own "reconstructing" for themselves.

"I shall work with the other Ministries," said Mr Greenwood. "No single man's brain

can hold all the complications of a problem like this. What we achieve will be the work of many minds, the result of co-operation."

While we were talking, his secretary asked what should be done with a certain document. "All right, put it in my homework," he said.

I asked him whether he envisaged huge unemployment after the war. "Did you go to the People's Convention?" he replied. "No? Nor did I, though I think we might have had a comic afternoon. Well, one of those present, I think it was Pritt, said that I had declared that we should have seven million unemployed after the war."

"What I have said is that if we don't organise our resources, there will be vast unemployment on that scale after the war. I believe we have huge untapped resources that will help to bring the world out of post-war poverty. I don't say easily, but I think it can be done."

"There will be jobs of every kind to be done all over the world. Buildings to be built, people to be clothed and shod—and that great task, developing the resources of the Dominions and Colonies."

The Prime Minister suggested last August that we should accumulate at our disposal, not necessarily in England, stocks of food and raw materials with which to help in the economic restoration of the freed people of Europe after the war. "You can say that we're getting down to that problem at this present time," Mr Greenwood told me.

PLANNED INDUSTRY

So we passed, naturally, to the question of controlled—Compulsory if you like—planning of industry after the war. How long would it last?

This is a question I have put to many Ministers. It is a question that makes them shy like a horse at a traction engine. Mr Greenwood was no exception.

So I report off my own bat, as it were, that the impression I have gained from these Ministers, irrespective of party, is that they all believe that the control of industry exercised through emergency must be continued long, long after the war is over.

"I'll say this, though," said Mr Greenwood. "Go to the blitzed industrial areas, as I have done, and you will see that the war has broken down a devil of a lot of frontiers."

"You will see Whitehall, trade unions, employers, local government men—all pulling together. That's the spirit I want to see go on after the war."

Broadly speaking, he hopes to see the general principles of reconstruction announced before the end of the war, and to have plans completed for the "sword-into-ploughshares" period immediately following the peace.

But his promise no ready-made "New Order." The people, he says, must make that for themselves.

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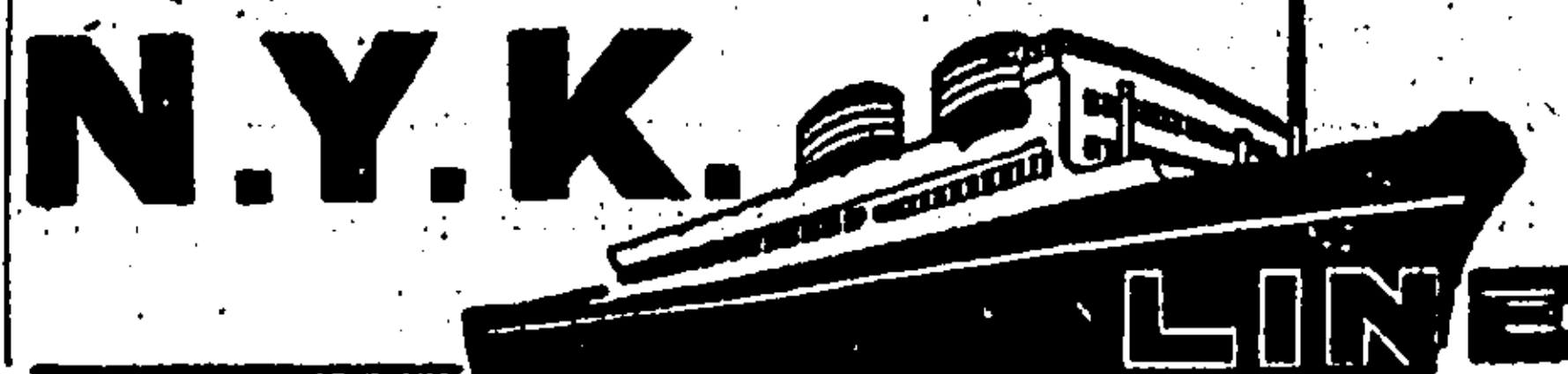
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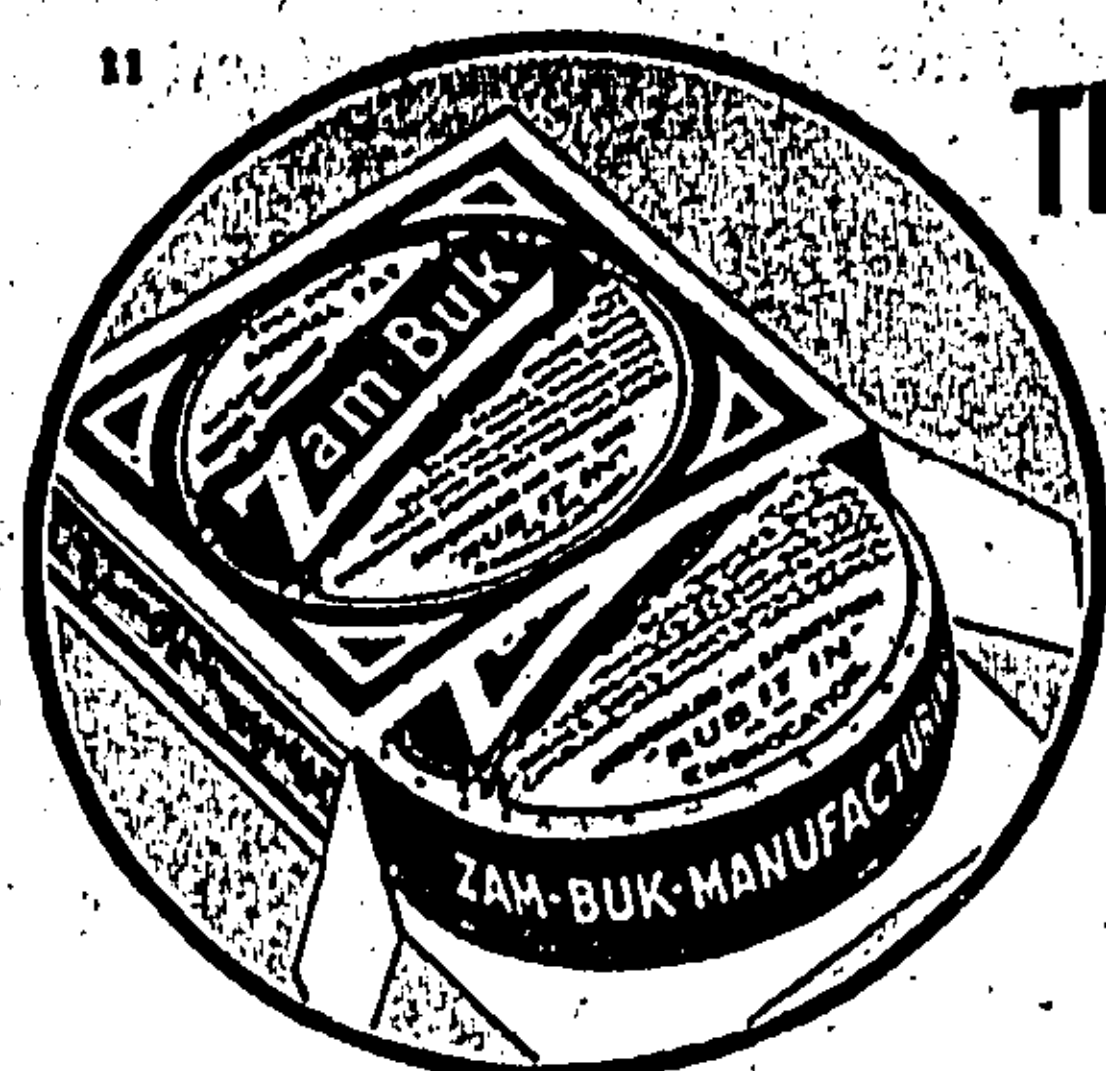
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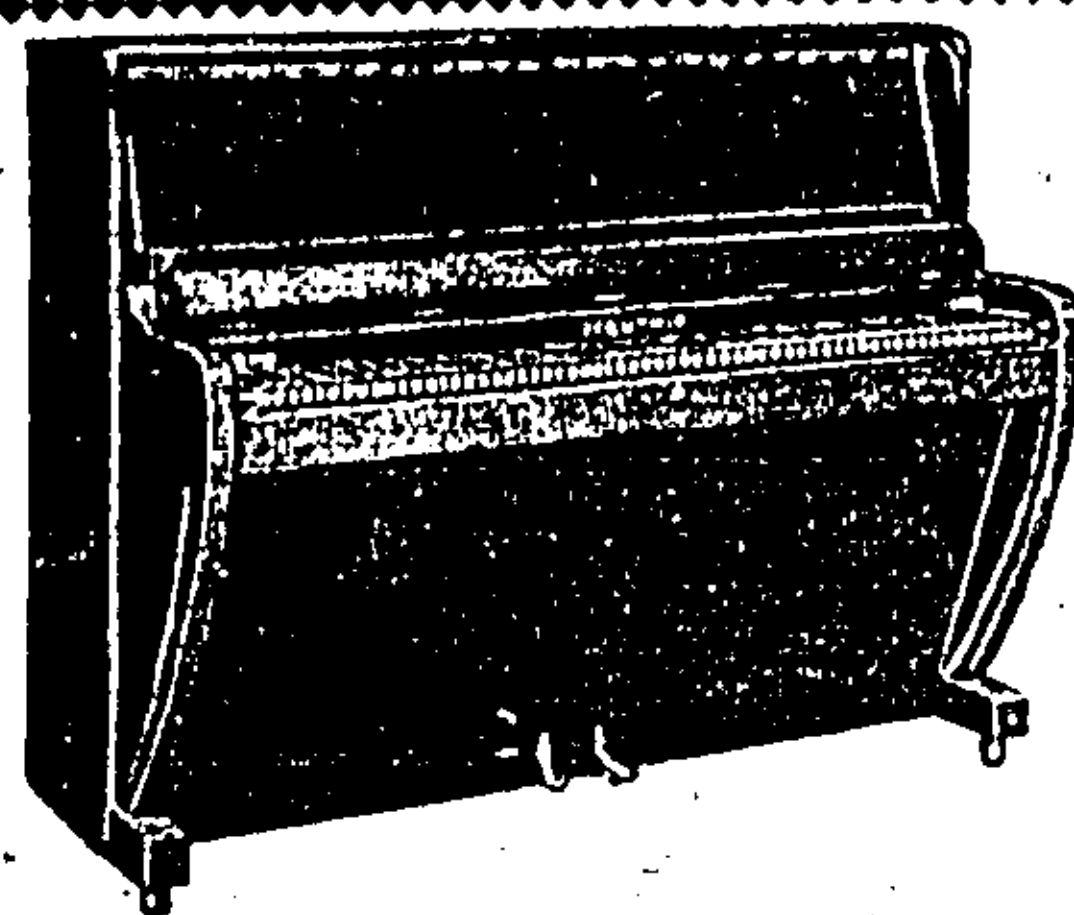
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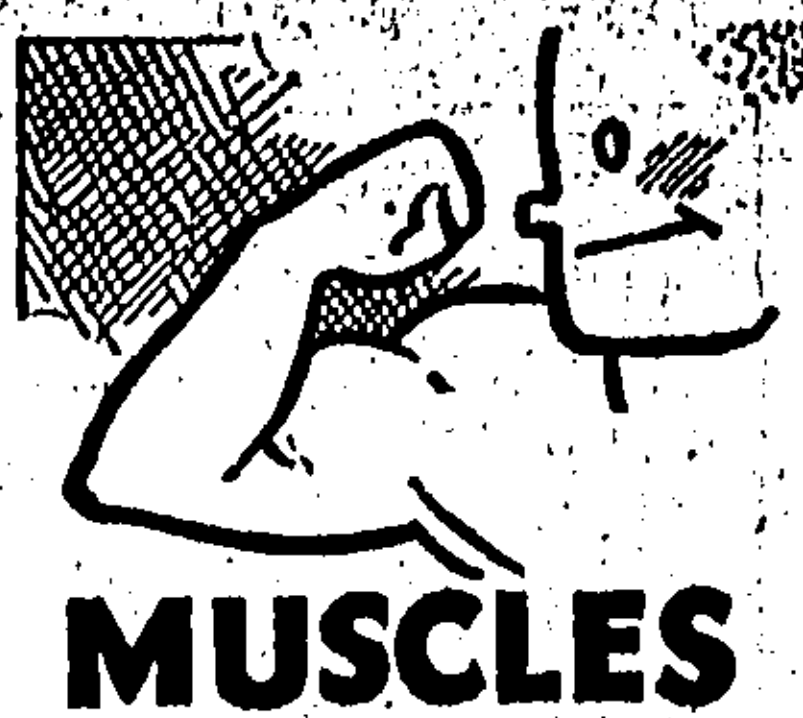
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NEW MODUS OPERANDI REQUIRED

DIFFICULTIES besetting the operation of the new tax on cosmetic and toilet preparations were concisely set out by a businessman in the "Telegraph" a week ago, but they bear re-statement. The tax, in itself, is an admirable emergency measure, even though it does drive another nail into the coffin of Hongkong's hitherto unassailable system of free trade. The modus operandi, however, is far from satisfactory.

An official statement issued last week, pointing out that as soon as present stocks have been disposed of the onus of sticking the revenue stamps on toilet packages will pass from the retailers to the importers and manufacturers, means nothing more than it says; if anything this may prove more troublesome than if the obligation remained exclusively with the retailers.

It has already been emphasized that one of the main problems confronting importers will be to figure out what stamps to use on an article which some retailers sell for a certain price, calling for a 10 cents duty stamp, but which other shopkeepers retail cheaper and may only require five cents duty.

Another worry for the importers will be the necessity of unpacking large stocks of certain goods which cannot be disposed of immediately and which are liable to deterioration owing to weather conditions. It may not be easy for these merchants to convince retailers that such stock is new, and the risks of being saddled with unsaleable goods must of necessity increase.

It is encouraging to know that Government is conscious of the problems attending the operation of the new tax and that already steps have been taken to assist dealers and importers by printing smaller duty stamps. Another timely and welcome assurance is that the department

Will America Resist Japan?

By **Erwin D. Canham**

in the "Christian Science Monitor"

The diplomatic and military manoeuvres now going on in the Far East are not easy for Americans to understand. Yet Americans, in all probability, will have to decide their fate and their interests in the Orient. Whether or not Japan attacks Singapore is dependent on several factors, but none of them is more significant than the attitude of the United States. That attitude, which is basically dependent not on the President and the State Department but on public opinion, has not yet been formulated.

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It is about time for the Administration, and the unofficial leaders of public opinion, to put to the nation a simple question. It is: Are we prepared to stand by without intervening if Japan attacks the British and Dutch strongholds in Malaya? Upon this question, the whole issue of East and West, and perhaps even the European war, may turn. If we make it known that we are prepared to intervene, Japan will probably not launch an attack. If we cannot make up our minds, or if our attitude implies that we are not prepared to intervene, Japan may well continue the steps of invasion which its Navy has already far advanced.

Americans ought to have learned by now that mere diplomatic by-play is not an adequate policy. The State Department has doubtless played its cards pretty well during recent months, in an effort to deter and alarm Japan. Recently, Secretary Hull went still further in this game of trying to frighten Japan. But, up to the present, it is all simply bluff—legitimate, customary, but basically ineffective. The fact that public opinion might decide the question in the affirmative has given the bluff the only potency it has thus far possessed.

Singapore may soon become the decisive point in the whole war. If Britain is forced to de-

fend its Gibraltar of the East with only its own forces, plus what help the Dutch are able to give, it may make an exceedingly gallant stand. It might conceivably be able to hold off the Japanese, for Nippon's power is already under severe strain. But the effort for Britain and Australia would be very great indeed. It would call for resources sorely needed in Europe and Africa. It would be precisely what Hitler most wants.

But if the American people could ever make up their minds that if worst came to worst they would aid Britain in the Far East, would be willing to send the fleet into action there, then—one may reasonably assume—such action might never be needed. Indeed, determination to resist Japan might be implemented by economic pressure alone. Japan's economy is still dependent upon exports to the United States, still needs oil and steel from this country. An offensive war of the American Navy against Japan might be under normal circumstances a very difficult business. But the defence of Singapore against a weakened Japan is something very different. Singapore already has everything needed for defence except ships.

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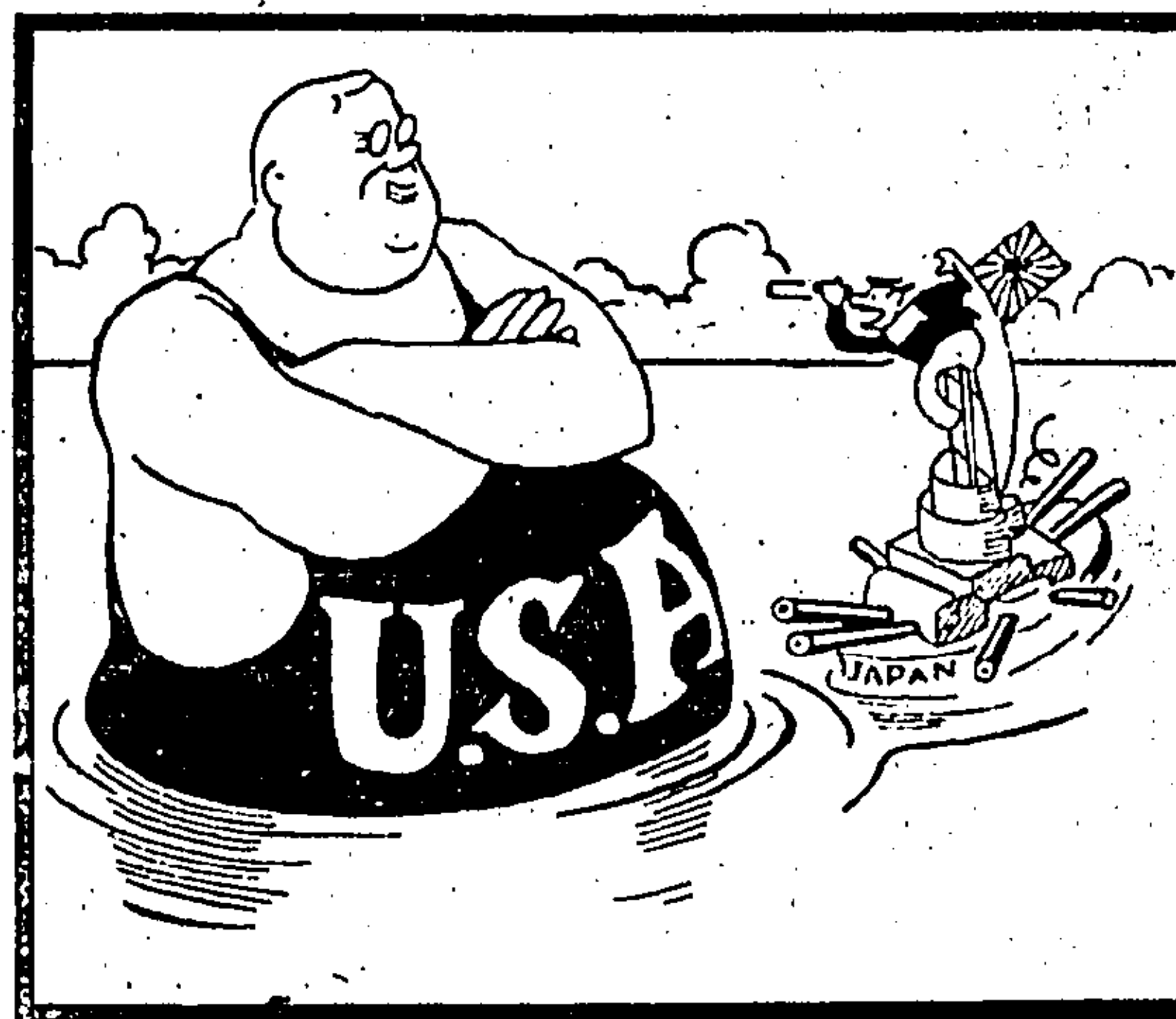
Loss of Singapore, the key to Malaya and Australasia, would mean that the supplies of rubber and tin on which so much of the American economy is dependent would be in Axis hands. Loss of the Singapore base would mean that the Philippines would be completely encircled, and that the American obligation of forty years there would be starkly tossed aside. Loss of Singapore would mean the doom of free China, unless Russia broke off its ties with the Axis and came to China's aid, which would probably mean a Communist China.

These are some of the things America has to think about, and quickly. Nobody, or practically nobody, in America wants to get into war. The whole nation is interested in the best way of staying out—the best way of keeping from being dragged in. One way that some urge is to

America and the American way? Or, to put the same question in different words: What is best for freedom in the world? For Christianity, and the brotherhood of men and nations?

The temporarily conquered democracies have shown that in indecision lies ruin. There may be ways to dissuade Japan from attacking Singapore and the Dutch East Indies other than by sending the American fleet to Singapore. But all such ways are dependent for their sanction upon the decision not of President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull but of all Americans. The only way we can keep the right to decide such things for ourselves is to rise above indecision by the issue is: What is best for now.

The Giant in the Pacific Awake



(From "Central Daily News," Chungking)

OUR SECURITIES IN THE U.S.

By **EDWARD GAYLER**

BRITAIN has just over £300,000,000 left in dollars and in gold with which to pay for goods already ordered in America. Our immediate available resources in America at the beginning of the war were £380,000,000, made up of British-owned American securities and dollar balances and £700,000,000 in Allied gold, excluding French gold.

Mr Morgenthau, Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, announced a few weeks ago that Britain had spent some £530,000,000 of her resources in the first 16 months of the war.

Although we still have £300,000,000 in cash, much of it is already mortgaged for deliveries now being made from American factories.

The money will be exhausted in a few months, perhaps in a few weeks, but we still have £570,000,000 of American assets which it may take time to realise.

BRITISH trade returns for 1940, just published, show that our purchases from abroad were £660,000,000 more than our sales.

This adverse trade balance must be financed in shipping services, in gold, and by the income from our foreign investment.

We need all our shipping for ourselves and can expect little or no revenue from that source.

Our gold is all earmarked for conversion to dollars, and our foreign investments are being sold in New York for the same purpose.

Roosevelt's anxiety to rush his Lend and Lease Bill through all stages to the statute book was evidence that Washington understood the difficult financial situation with which Britain is faced.

NO better proof of the failure of the U-boat campaign to enforce a blockade of Britain is needed than the trade figures for the first 16 months of war.

Since the beginning of September 1939 Britain imported goods to the value of £1,382,262,809 and have sold £574,127,680 worth of British products to the world.

A great deal of the increase in our imports can be attributed to our enormous purchases of war materials in America, but this does not account entirely for our £308,000,000 adverse trade balance in 16 months of war.

If our available dollars are already spent or mortgaged, then the only way in which we can continue to finance our imports is by an increasing export drive.

With the exception of a trickle of goods from the East, Continental Europe is cut off from the rest of the world.

Our various export councils must pursue with all vigour the search for new customers in the markets of the world which our enemies have been forced to abandon.

HITLER ON THE JAPANESE

"... the basis of that culture was the Greek mind and teutonic technical skill as we know it. Only the external form... shows the trace of an Asiatic inspiration."

It is not true as some believe that Japan adds European technique to a culture of her own. The foundations of actual life in Japan to-day are not those of the native Japanese culture... the real foundations of contemporary Japanese life are the enormous scientific and technical achievements of

concerned is closely watching the situation and will introduce modifications when and where considered most suitable. It is hardly possible to expect more than this at the moment. The new measure is still in its infancy and indications are that it must find its ideal form of operation through trial and error. It must be remembered that it is a measure of expediency rather than chosen policy and is but another of those inconveniences rendered inevitable by the exigencies of war.

Europe and America, that is to say, of Aryan peoples....

The scientific and technical achievement of Europe and America provide the basis on which the struggle for daily livelihood is carried on in the Orient. They provide the necessary arms and instruments for this struggle and only the outer forms of these instruments have become gradually adapted to Japanese ways of life.

If from to-day onwards the Aryan influence on Japan should cease... then the present progress of Japan in science and technique might still last for a short duration; but within a few decades the inspiration would dry up....

If it be shown that a people owes the fundamental elements of its culture to foreign races... and if subsequently that culture becomes fossilised whenever the "external" influence ceases; then such a race may be called the depositary but never the creator of a culture.

(From "MEIN KAMPF," unpublished edition, translated by James Murphy, publishers, Hurst & Blackett Ltd., page 252).

Effect Of Libya On Vichy

Inclination To Axis

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The possibility of a reshuffle of Marshal Petain's Cabinet is being discussed at Vichy, according to information from the French frontier.

The German successes in North Africa and the Balkans, the "A.P." agency says, appear to have strengthened the position favouring closer collaboration with Germany, but it is unlikely that Laval will be recalled to the Cabinet as he is still very unpopular.

One possibility is Laval's appointment as Ambassador in Paris to replace Count Brinon. He will then be head of the French delegation with the task of speeding up collaboration with the Armistice Commission which would be transferred to Paris from Wiesbaden.

Japanese Drive To Foochow

SHANGHAI, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—According to Chungking reports, Japanese forces during the week-end landed at two points on the north bank of the Min River in Fukien Province with the object of occupying Foochow the last of the Treaty ports in possession of the Chinese National Government.

Japanese field dispatches claim that their drive in Chekiang Province is proceeding speedily in all sectors.

The Chinese admit that the Japanese are driving inland towards the southwest.

BASQUES WANT TO JOIN WAR

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The formation of a Basque National Council to continue the work of the Basque Government and to join with the Democrats in the fight against the totalitarian Powers is announced by the Basque Delegation in London to-day.

The Council aims at attaining the full national liberty of the Government of Euzkadi, established at Guernica in October, 1936, and the recognition of it by all nations. "The Basques are a race of undetermined origin living in the north of Spain. They had been promised autonomy by the Republican Government of Spain which was beaten in the Civil War. The Basque Holy City of Guernica was in June, 1937, subjected to the most complete and terrible bombing by German aviators on Franco's orders."

Hitler's Latest War Trophy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BERLIN, Apr. 21 (UP).—According to the official news agency, the Serbian commemorative tablet recording the assassination of the Austro-Hungarian successor to the throne on June 28, 1914, was secured after the capture of Sarajevo and was turned over to Hitler's field headquarters by the first German soldier to enter the City, Lieutenant Mittelmann. The tablet will be presented to the Berlin War Museum.

Japanese Who Hasn't Heard Mr. Churchill

TOKYO, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—"There's no telling which side is going to win the European war in the long run," declared the noted political commentator, Mr. Murobuse, speaking at a debate under the auspices of the newspaper "Myako Shimbun," which was attended by many notables. Mr. Murobuse added that a settlement of the Chinese war should precede any attempt to drive southward and that any cabinet which had no confidence that it could dispose of the China Affair successfully had better dissolve itself quickly.



THEY'LL FIGHT NAZIS—Dutch youths drilling at Stratford, Ontario, Canada. They want to fight Nazis who have conquered their homeland and are given instruction by Canadian Army officers.

New Drugs, Surgical Technique May Reduce Number Of War Dead

By Joseph L. Myler

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Apr. 20 (UP).—The world's productive genius is engaged in a frantic effort to create new and more deadly weapons in ever greater quantity. Young men are being trained to wound and kill—or be wounded and killed.

In many parts of the world women and children, the old and the sick, the lame and the militarily unfit are subject to sudden death or horrible injury from the sky. The forces of destruction appear to be in the saddle.

It may therefore be reassuring, Dr. Carnes Weeks said recently, to know that in such a world there are forces of another kind—forces dedicated to alleviation of misery and the salvaging of human life—and that they, too, are winning victories.

They are the doctors at the front—where it is everywhere—the doctors at home, and the research workers in the laboratory.

New Developments
Dr. Weeks, an advisory chairman of the Medical and Surgical Supply Committee, engaged in gathering needed surgical instruments and drugs for the doctors of Great Britain, said developments since the last War justified hope that the new conflict, in some respects, might not be as horrible as the last.

In the past two and a half decades, he said, new drugs and new surgical techniques have been developed which, had they been known then, might greatly have reduced the World War's total of 8,538,315 dead and 21,219,432 wounded. "Great advances in the drug field is sulfanilamide and other members of the same chemical family. These discoveries, combined with a technique developed by Dr. Douglas Winnell Orr of Topeka, Kans., have revolutionized treatment of compound fractures, one of the ugliest and most dangerous of modern war wounds."

Dr. Orr's method, tested "very successfully" during the Spanish Civil War, might be called the "studied neglect" treatment, Dr. Weeks said.

Wound Heals Itself
Dead tissue and bone fragments are removed, the wound is sprinkled with sulfathiazole, a powder, and a plaster cast is applied, and the wound is left to heal itself.

Sulfathiazole, Dr. Weeks said, is a potent weapon against gas gangrene, the terrible infection which killed so many soldiers in the World War.

This and other new methods were studied in Great Britain by Dr. Philip Wilson, chief surgeon of the New York Society for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled, who reported on them when he returned last month, Dr. Weeks said.

Sulfanilamide also appears likely to cut down the fatalities from peritonitis, an infection to which, in modern war, civilians and soldiers alike are liable.

The World War method in the treatment of abdominal shrapnel in-

juries was to cleanse the wound and sew up the holes, Dr. Weeks said. Now the indicated treatment would be, in addition, to pour sulfanilamide into the peritoneal cavity.

Influenza Scourge
Modern medicine thus far, Dr. Weeks said, has failed to produce a specific cure for one of the World War's greatest scourges—influenza—but has, in sulfa-pyridine, developed a highly effective drug in the treatment of pneumonia, influenza's deadly partner.

Improved public health control, greater knowledge of diet essentials, including vitamins, development of portable X-ray machines for examination of civilian as well as military casualties, better facilities for preventing asphyxial death, and new methods of storing blood for transfusions are "other encouraging factors," Dr. Weeks said.

But there is another side to the picture. In Great Britain there is urgent need for surgical equipment and drugs, which Dr. Weeks' Committee is striving to supply through contributions.

And in the countries at war doctors must devote their time to ministrations rather than to research work.

"This country," Dr. Weeks said, "is the last stand of the research worker."

STOCK EXCHANGE Minimum Movement

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—With operators very cautious, a minimum of movement occurred on the Stock Exchange to-day, but on the whole the prices were well maintained.

There was some support for gilt-edged securities, which recorded small advances. Industrials were occasionally lower, chiefly the heavy stocks.

Oil shares were irregular and Kaffirs were steady after early Cape selling.

Wall Street was quiet.

Submarine Sinks Enemy Tanker

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Apr. 21 (UP).—The Admiralty to-day announced that H.M.S. submarine Tetrarch sank a fully loaded enemy tanker which was enroute to Tripoli, but the announcement did not specify when this happened.

Annual Report On Colony's Playgrounds

The annual meeting of the Children's Playgrounds Association of Hongkong will be held next Monday at 5.15 p.m. in the office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court. The report of the Executive Committee of the Association for 1940 states:

The financial position as shown by the statement of accounts was satisfactory, though there was a comparatively smaller income for the year under review. The Association is grateful to various clubs, associations, schools and individuals for their generous support.

The number of children using the playgrounds was as great as ever. Many school children used the playgrounds for drills and exercises.

Miniature Football

A Small Boys' Miniature Football League was organized for the Hongkong playgrounds. Over ten teams entered to compete for the Tung Fan Shield presented by Mr. T. F. Lo. The matches were keenly contested, and the first winner of the shield was the Tai Chung Wa team.

An Inter-school Small Boys' Miniature Football League was organized for the Kowloon grounds. Over 10 schools took part in the competition for a large silver trophy kindly donated by Mr. Lai Tuen-po. The National English School was successful as the first holder of the trophy.

Lawn Bowls Fixtures

The Lawn Bowls season will start officially on May 3, and the following games have been arranged for that day:

First Division—Recreo "A" v. Craigengower; Civil Service v. Kowloon C.C.; Indian Recreation Club v. Police; Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B" v. Recreio "B"; Kowloon Dock v. Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A".

Second Division—Recreo v. Hongkong Cricket Club; Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon Tong; Craigengower v. Prison Officers; Kowloon Football Club v. Hongkong Football Club.

Third Division—Craigengower v. Kowloon Bowling Green Club; Hongkong Football Club v. Kowloon Football Club; Police v. Indian Recreation Club; Hongkong Cricket Club v. Recreio.

Little Enemy Air Activity

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Enemy activity over this country during the day has been on a small scale, mainly confined to south-east England. No bombs were reported dropped, says an Air Ministry communique.

Fifth Column In Lourenco Marques?

LOURENCO MARQUES (Portuguese East Africa), Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Eight persons, including a retired colonel, have been arrested here for alleged "subversive and unpatriotic activities." They will be deported to Lisbon.

No Hitler-Mussolini Meeting Planned

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Without giving a direct denial, a statement made in political circles in Berlin implies that the rumour concerning an imminent meeting of Hitler and Mussolini is quite unfounded.

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Medical Opinion

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Shocked Edwardians

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Desecrating U.S. Cemetery

Nazi Bombing Plan

The Washington correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News" says that the State Department has reason to believe that the German military authorities in occupied France are contemplating setting up an experimental bombing area which may include the largest American war cemetery abroad, that of Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, near Verdun.

It is believed that the American Administration has asked for further explanations, and has stated the reasons why the American people would not care to see 15,000 American soldiers' graves bombed.

The proposed bombing experiment, rumour insists, will include the use of gas.



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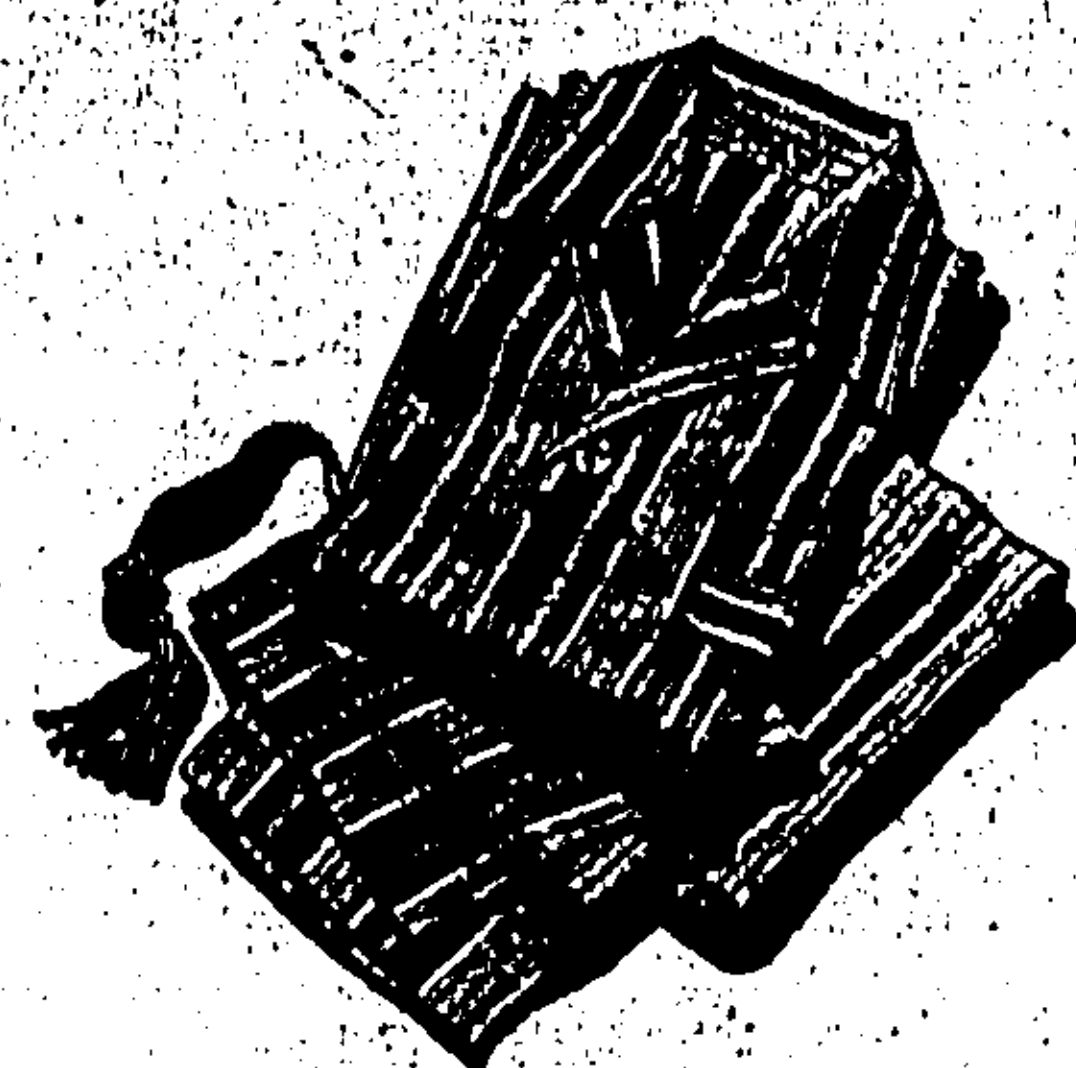
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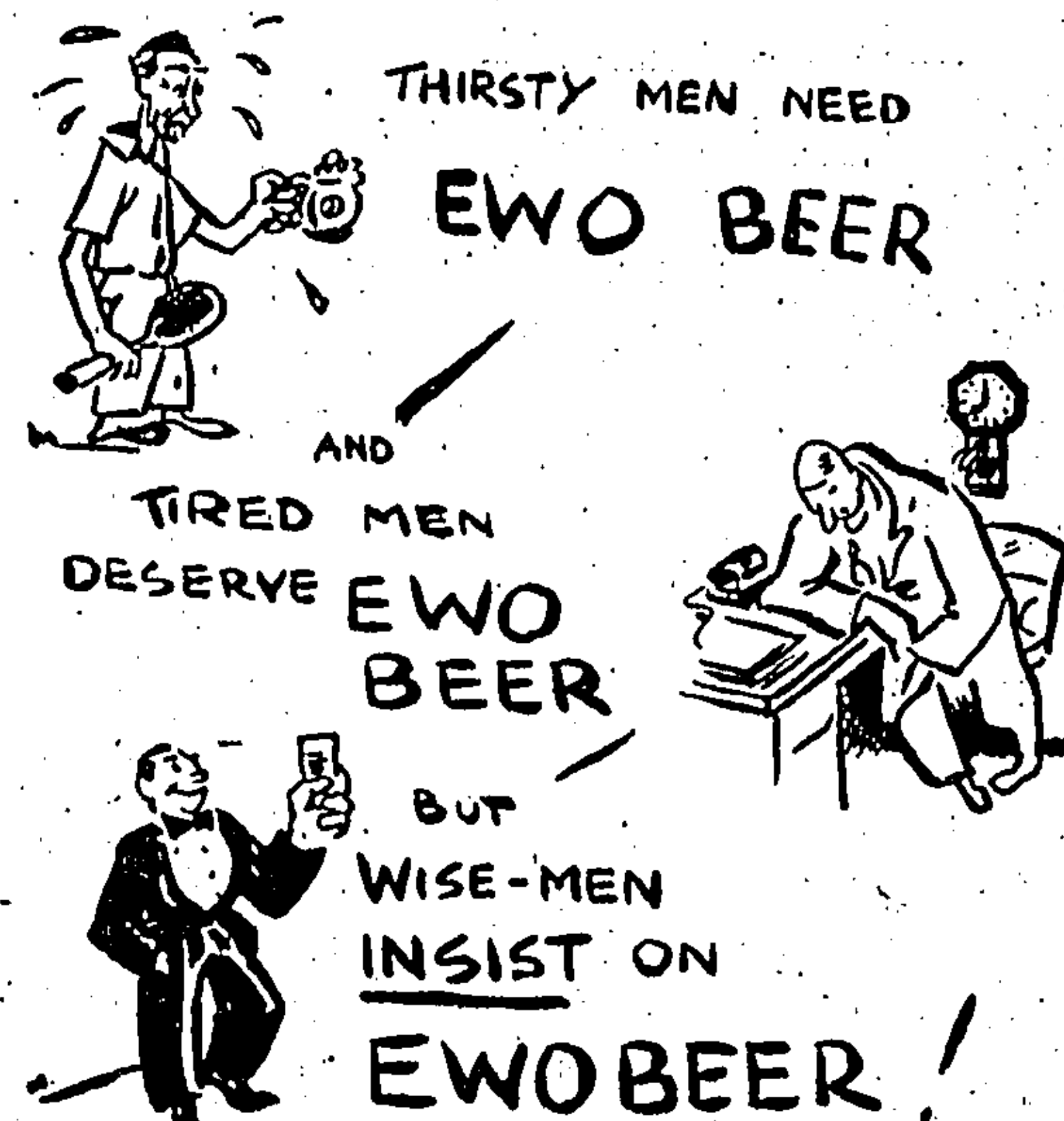
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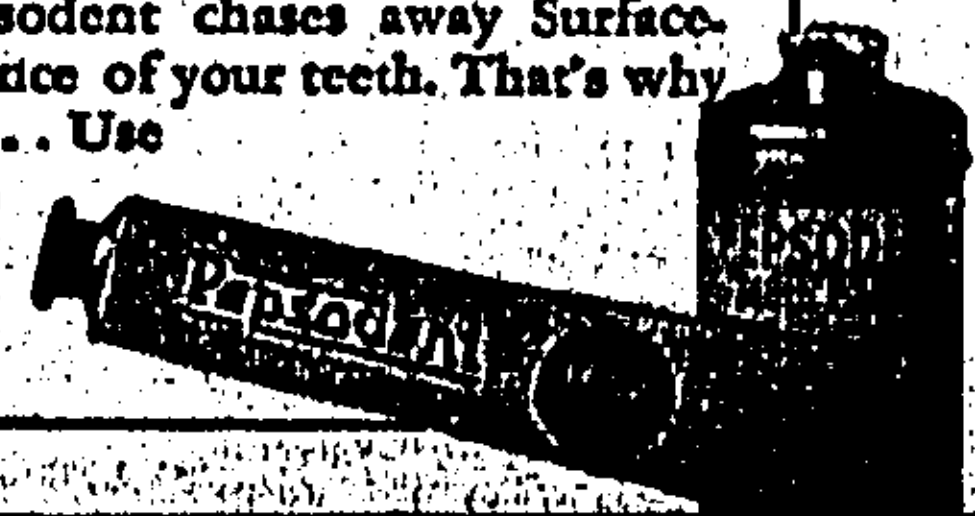
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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

Civil Service XI In The Making

Excellent Week-end For F.E. Lawrence: Dull Match at Kowloon C.C.

THE TWO TEAMS in the Junior Division, I.R.C. and Civil Service, who were determined to fulfil their programmes, were rewarded with a beautiful day for their game at Sookunpoo. It was pretty hot admittedly, but I have known it hotter in England in July and August.

The play, too, was most interesting, and, though there was a fairly comfortable margin at the end, things were pretty level up to a point, and but for some dropped catches and two bits of bad luck, the Civil Service might very well have won. They have improved out of all knowledge since I last saw them play.

During the whole game I saw only two balls get up and the wicket was excellent though it was quite possible to get spin off it, a fact of which both MacGowan and Rumjahn availed themselves.

Two wickets had fallen for 27 in four overs when Bond had rather a disastrous over to Sufiad who hit three or four fours in it. He should have been taken off then, and used later, but he was given two more with expensive results.

I found out afterwards that he had not been feeling fit before the game and the heat had affected him a good deal.

Strange's trouble was, of course, that owing to having at least two of his bowlers away he had only N. L. Smith, Bond and MacGowan upon whom to rely. Still I think he would have been better advised to have put the latter on at once, and, as he is the type of bowler who takes very little out of himself, worked Smith and Bond in short spells.

Things were looking pretty dicky for the C.S. when Bond went for a short one to Sufiad mid-off and Watson threw his wicket down.

Wahab and Sufiad carried on scoring freely until MacGowan checked the pace of scoring, and finally bowled the former for 21 runs. Soon after, fortune again favoured the C.S. in that Sufiad was run out for a hard hit 47, though he was dropped more than once.

Cheap Wickets

FOUR wickets then fell cheaply—three of them to MacGowan, but A. el Arculli had been picking up runs here and there and A. M. Rumjahn, the last man, made 18. Arculli got 30 not out and to my mind the two batsmen in the side. But another catch was dropped and the total of 148 was about 20 more than it should have been.

A Good Start

STRANGE went in first with Watson and created somewhat of a sensation by cracking Arculli's first three balls for four apiece. He and Watson looked like settling down for a nice stand when he did not quite time one from Arculli, and was well caught by Wahab at long-on. Lawrence came in and after edging one or two riskily he settled down

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1941.

To-day's Tennis

The first semi-final of the Open Doubles Tennis Championship will be played on the Stand Court to-day. The match will be:

Tsui Wal-pui and Tsui Yun-pui v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall.

to play very nice cricket. Again a good stand seemed probable but Watson was beaten by Abbas after a patient innings of 14.

MacGowan's arrival brought about some good cricket and it appeared likely that the Civil Service might win. But here luck got up against them.

Lawrence chipped to let alone a ball from Rumjahn quite well out on the off, but there was a tremendous off break on it and it turned in to hit his glove and drop on the base of the off stump where one lonely ball fell. Almost immediately afterwards Bond stopped one from Abbas but played it on to his pad or boot and it spun back into the wicket.

A Last Flicker

THERE was still hope, however, when Davidson joined MacGowan and runs came. Then the latter, who had played a very sound innings, hooked a short one from Hassan and was finely caught by Razack high up at fairly deep square leg.

Davidson continued scoring and N. L. Smith, who had joined him, played two or three very nice shots to the long leg boundary before being caught by Ismail off Hassan. This was the end of Davidson (I suspect he had an idea of the fall to come) began to lash out and skied the ball in the middle of the pitch and was c-and-b Abbas. His innings of 26 was a very good one and he shows much promise.

Abbas then completed his hat-trick and took another wicket the next ball but one, and the C. S. were out for 114.

The Teams

MY IMPRESSION was that the I.R.C. were the better balanced side as they had batting down to number eleven. And in the bargain they fielded extremely well. One or two catches were put down—especially Razack's—and they might well have lost.

For the Civil Service, I thought Lockhart kept wicket very well and the two boundary byes were no fault of his. He does not snatch at the ball. MacGowan was bowling excellently and his batting was very sound.

There is a very good nucleus for next year's team. N. L. Smith has the makings of a good bowler and I know the C. S. had hoped to play him regularly in the first.

But, until he can be persuaded to sacrifice pace to length and direction, I fear that he will always prove terribly expensive. It is a very common fault but none the less one that has spoiled many potential really good bowlers. Finally I must congratulate Lawrence on his fielding. He was more alert and active than many players twenty years younger than himself and did a tremendous lot of good work.

Champions v. Rest

SUNDAY was not nearly such a pleasant day as Saturday, though it was I think quite as hot and much more muggy. I went over to the K.C.C. and saw, frankly, a very dull game played on a very good pitch.

The K.C.C. batted first and with one exception it was the man who put the bat to the ball that got runs. Rapley played nice enough cricket for a two-day match, but one ought not to take over an hour and a half making 47.

He did not seem inclined to take any chances about losing his wicket, and actually was out, not hitting, but a snick catch in the slips by Lawrence, who took the ball very well after it had gone through Strange's gloves.

Goodman as usual hit merrily for 22, while S. A. Gray, who has had a very bad patch lately, got going and rattled up 35 before he had a slight



A. el Arculli (The Rest) bowling to G. E. Taylor (Kowloon Cricket Club) in the Junior League Champions v. The Rest cricket match at the K.C.C. on Sunday. W. L. Rapley is at the bowler's end.—Ming Yuen.

K. W. Choy Enters Two Finals

Lightweight Boxing

ERIC BOON
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London Ignores "Blitz"

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—There was a sensational end to the first boxing programme ever to be held in the historic London Coliseum to-night, when Eric Boon, British lightweight champion, was disqualified in the second round as Kid Berg, former champion, lay writhing in agony with his legs thrashing the air.

It was a non-title contest of ten rounds, and Boon, the hot favourite, looked a certain winner as he repeatedly shook Berg with hammer-like punches, but he paid the penalty of over-eagerness.

Broadcast to America
THE MINISTRY of Information made a recording of the contest which is being broadcast to America later, as evidence that the British are living their usual life despite heavy "blitzes."

There were traffic blockages, and the house was crowded with people, while others outside were clamouring for admission. This is ample proof of London's nonchalance.

Y.M.C.A. Tennis Club

At the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday a meeting of the tennis section was held, Mr. E. W. Ralston presiding. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. W. Lomax; Secretary, Mr. W. H. Inceby; Committee, Messrs. E. G. Yourlett, E. W. Ralston, F. Elliott.

It was proposed that a tournament be held. The programme will be drawn up during the next meeting to be held on April 28.

misunderstanding with a yorker. Fentham made 15.

In a general way the batting of the Rest was pathetic and extras were easily top with 30 runs out of 94 ("and only Sherlock Holmes knew why"). Strange pulled things together a bit after a complete rot, and Lawrence held up an end making some very good strokes.

Play went on till 6.30, but the Rest managed to hold the end up and had 94 for 8 at the close.

A Poor Team

IT IS always very difficult to pick a Rest side when due consideration must be given to the representation of various Clubs. McGowan did not find a place, though I understand Lawrence came in in place of Ainsley. A. M. Omar was not playing owing to an injury and so there were two of the better bowlers of the Rest out of the game.

U. M. Omar bowled very well though I was surprised to see how very much slower he was than in the old days when I used—mostly with lack of success—to try and keep him out of my wicket, about 15 years ago. I have already spoken of Lawrence's fielding on Saturday. On Sunday he made no less than 4 catches in the slips, the last two really good ones.

It is curious to think that a great many years ago he was dropped by the Civil Service first because he could neither catch a catch nor get a run for them. At present he is batting very much better than he was in those distant days, and there is no comparison in his fielding.

I was very glad to see Gray come off. I don't know whether it has been the cure of captaincy but he had a very poor season with the bat, and his 25 at the end of the season should cheer him up. I don't want to omit to mention that he caught Carey very finely running from top mid-on to extra-cover. It was hard hit and going away from him the whole time.

Badminton Championship Semi-Finals At K.C.C.

One-Sided Matches

(By "Tinker")

IT SEEMS INDICATED that the schedule for the finals will have to be re-arranged, for it was announced yesterday that should K. W. Choy be represented in all three—Senior Singles, the Mixed Doubles and the Doubles—next week's programme would be altered. Last night at the Kowloon Cricket Club he entered the finals of the Singles and, with Mrs Castro, the Mixed Doubles.

Results in brief were:

JUNIOR SINGLES

A. L. Fisher beat J. Odell 15-10, 15-3.

SENIOR SINGLES

K. W. Choy beat F. Koh 15-2, 15-1.

MIXED DOUBLES

K. W. Choy and Mrs Castro beat P. H. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro 15-7, 15-8.

THE SINGLES match was far too one-sided to be of any great interest. This was scheduled to be the opening match, but Choy appeared half an hour late, and the Junior Singles was played first.

In this match, Fisher proved just the better of Odell. In strokes they were evenly matched, but Fisher's superior court tactics had Odell doing a tremendous amount of running, and with the close evening, it was not surprising that both were played out after their game. Fisher kept Odell on the baseline with deep drives, but on occasions brought out a short drop that was part of the tactics to keep Odell continually on the move.

The latter stood up gallantly to his task, and strove for every point with a great heart. He earned the applause of the spectators with his recoveries, while he, too, showed control over a short drop from the baseline that as often as not gained him the point.

Scores in this match were no indication of the play.

Mixed Doubles

THE ANTICIPATED DUEL between Patrick Wong and K. W. Choy was somewhat below expectations. It seems incredible that Wong, with all his experience, should have been afflicted with "nerves", but that was the indication, for on many occasions when his normal accuracy would have gained the point he hit outside.

Towards the end of the first game, however, Wong had slightly recovered his direction, and some of the baseline duels, with their dizzy cross-court shots were a pleasure to watch.

Choy, it was noted in this match, restrained his famous smash, and on only one occasion was it used. He covered the baseline with amazing speed—it was his second match in succession, though the Singles had hardly extended him—and relied more on his placing than on dazzling speed of shuttle.

Choy, incidentally, emphatically denies that he was ever champion of Malaya, and says that he has only represented in Inter-State matches. Why he was never champion seems to be contained in the fact that he only took up the game five years ago—but it seems incredible that there are better players than he down south.

At the net, Mrs Castro gave Choy great support, and was the better of the two women. Miss Ribeiro, too, seemed affected by the occasion or the opposition, and was guilty of several weak shots into the net. F. KOH was definitely matched against a player far ahead in class.

Badminton Schedule To-night

THE PROGRAMME for the Colony Badminton Championships at the Kowloon C.C. to-night will be: 7.30 p.m.—Miss M. M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier v. Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss C. M. Silva (Women's Doubles).

7.45 p.m.—Mrs N. Castro and Miss T. Gonzalez v. Mrs Zimmerman and Mrs Torrible (Women's Doubles).

8 p.m.—Y. P. and M. P. Young v. P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chow (Senior Doubles).

8.45 p.m.—A. L. Fisher and P. Wender-Blyth v. J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies (Junior Doubles).

9.30 p.m.—P. H. Wong and C. Au v. K. W. Choy and K. B. Low.

It would be difficult to imagine to better matches than those in the Men's Doubles. Last year's champions, Wong and Au meet Choy and Low (prospective champions this year), and it should be a great match. It is anticipated, will be Choy's stiffest game of the tournament, though should he and his partner win, there will yet be the final, for either of the other semi-finalists are capable of extending the best.

The women's Doubles, too, promise to be interesting, for all pairs are fairly well matched.

Home Soccer Fixtures For Saturday

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures on Saturday, Apr. 26:

WAR CUP, SEMI-FINALS
Return Matches
Leicester v. Arsenal; Newcastle v. Preston.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH
England v. Wales.

LONDON CUP
Queen's P.F. v. Brentford.

LEAGUE, SOUTH
Bournemouth v. Luton; Southend v. Southampton; Watford v. Portsmouth.

SOUTH REGIONAL
Aldershot v. Tottenham; Mansfield v. Watford; Millwall v. Northampton; Reading v. Chelsea; West Ham v. Fulham.

NORTH REGIONAL
Bolton v. Blackburn; Bradford v. Rochdale; Chesterfield v. Sheffield W.; Doncaster v. Hull; Grimsby v. York.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Aberdeen v. Dundee; Rangers v. Third Lanark; Hamilton v. Motherwell; Hibernian v. Dumbarton; Partick v. Celtic.

He was quite helpless against the onslaught of Choy, whose smashing and drop shots were amazing in their accuracy.

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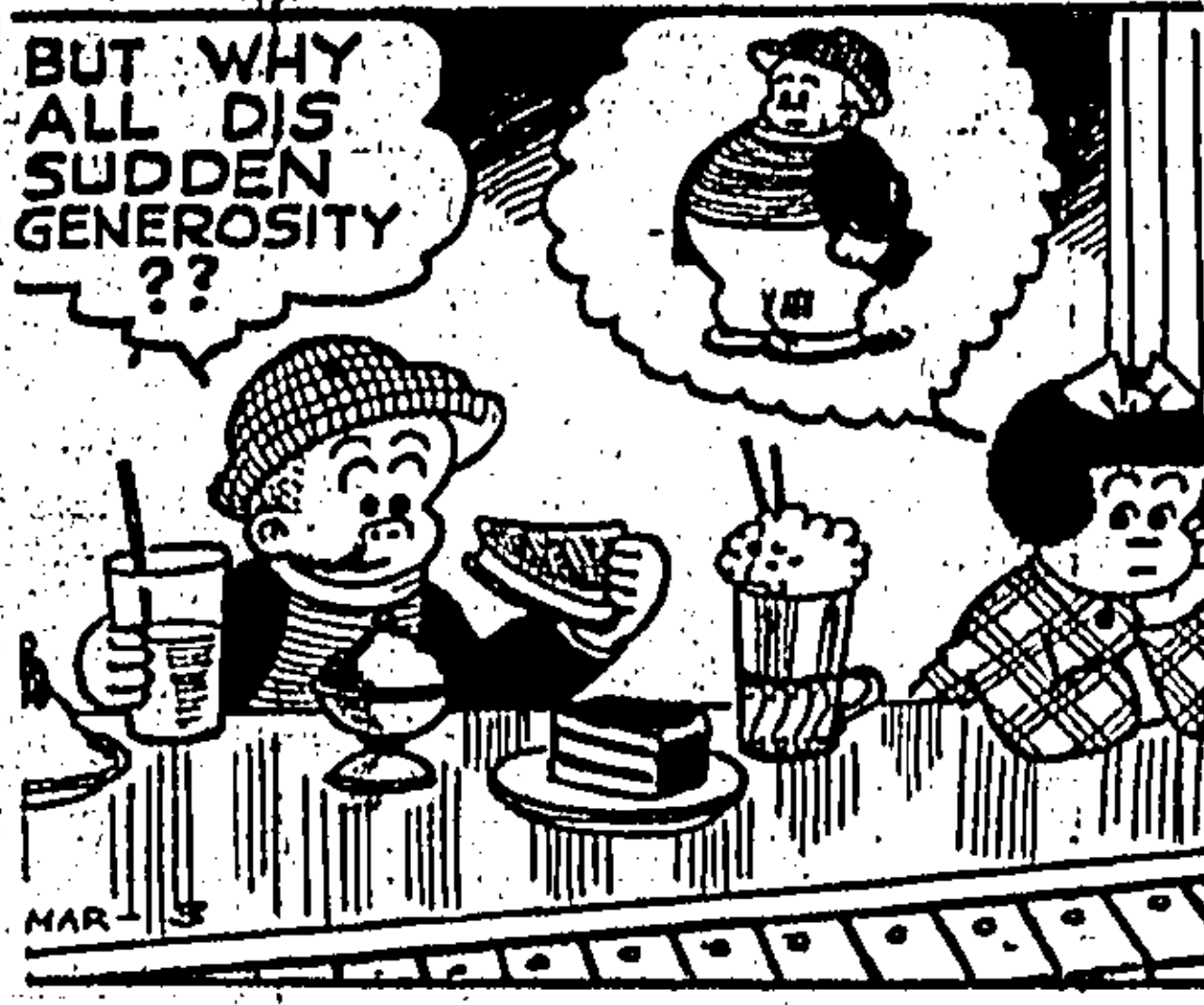
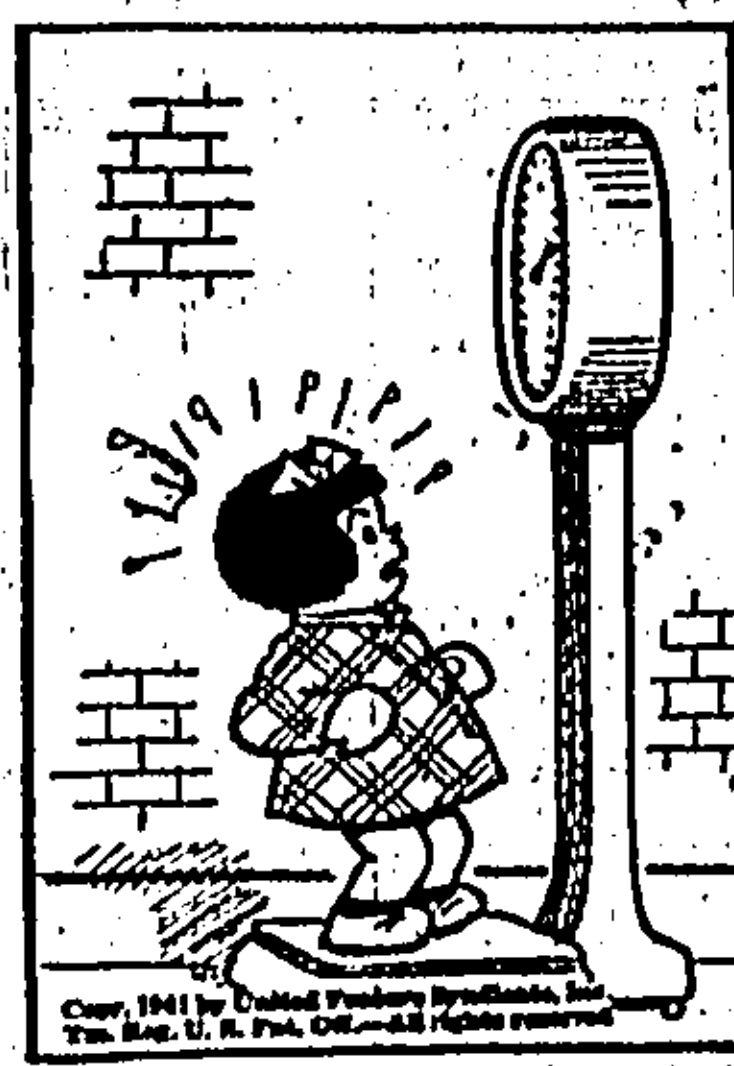
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By Ernie Bushmiller

War Brings Greater Hardship To 200,000 Jews Still In Germany

By Joseph W. Grigg, Jr.
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

BERLIN, April 19 (UP).—A year and a half of war and the sacrifices it has imposed on all Germans has brought new hardships and distress to 200,000 Jews who still remain in Germany despite the government's severe anti-Semitic programme.

But, by a paradox, the war has broken down to some extent the rigid ostracism, bordering on actual ghetto conditions, under which these Jews lived since the violent anti-Jewish outbreak of November 1938.

As result of acute wartime labour shortage, thousands of Jews both men and women—have been drafted to work, always under the sharpest supervision, in munitions works and other factories where they previously had been barred completely.

Perhaps the most severe wartime hardships imposed on German Jews is that they get no ration cards for clothes or permits for shoes and coal. Upon introduction of ration cards a few months after the outbreak of the war, it was announced that they would not be issued to Jews. It was claimed the Jews were well-stocked with clothes and needed no more.

Lack Shoes

The Jews were not given clothing cards for 1941. Without such a card it is impossible to buy clothes. Since the beginning of the war they have been unable to obtain permits to buy shoes, and only in some instances have they been allowed to have their old shoes repaired.

The Jewish community faced this problem partially by donation of shoes and clothing by better-off Jews to the poorer ones. Doubtless many Aryan Germans "on the quiet" occasionally give cast-off clothes to former Jewish friends.

The Jews have the same basic food ration as Aryans, but the ration cards are marked with a large "J." Instead of having them delivered each month at home, the Jews must go in person to the food card offices at a specified time to collect their own cards.

Desperate State

They are not allowed skimmed milk, fish, game and poultry, which theoretically are not rationed, although in practice these can only be bought by Aryans at stores where

they are registered in advance. Furthermore, Jews are barred from occasional distributions to the general public of minute quantities of coffee, tea, candy, crackers, fruit and canned goods.

Many Jews, who were reduced almost to a desperate economic state through being barred from virtually every kind of employment, welcomed being drafted by German authorities for factory work.

The strictest supervision is exercised over the Jews in the factories, who generally work together in groups isolated from the Aryans. None the less, they are normally paid approximately the same wages as the Aryans. Thousands of Jews, including middle-aged and elderly women, were called up both last winter and this winter for snow-shovelling gangs. Last winter they were paid the same rate as Berlin's municipal street-cleaners. One of the chief hardships, however, for the Jews taking these jobs and those in the factories is the lack of proper clothing.

Other Disabilities

All the disabilities imposed on the Jews before the outbreak of the war are still enforced rigidly. No Jews may enter a cafe, restaurant, cinema, theatre, museum, dance hall, swimming pool or other place of amusement. They are barred from Berlin's two main streets—Unter den Linden and Kurfuerstendamm. In the parks they may only sit on special yellow-painted benches marked with the letter "J." They are barred from any professional or social contact with Aryan Germans. Up to the outbreak of the war

Jews were emigrating from the Reich as fast as other countries would take them. Since then, and until recently, emigration has slowed down to a mere trickle, mostly by Siberia and Japan. In recent weeks, the United States has given several hundred visas to Jews who travelled via Switzerland and Lisbon.

Special Reserve Plan

After the conquest of Poland, it was apparently the government's original intention to transport all Jews from the Reich, including Bohemia and Moravia, to an area around Lublin, where a special reserve was to be created. This process started with the mass transportation of all Jews from Nuremberg and several other protected cities last winter.

The sudden expulsion of Jews from Stettin and other parts of Pomerania at a few hours notice occurred a few months later. Here this process came to a standstill for the time being for reasons unknown, although it is presumed that it was largely to difficulties in the culminating feuds in the Lublin area.

Death Of Circus King Reported

Hagenbeck, one of the aristocrats of the circus, has died in a British internment camp in Ceylon, according to a German radio announcement. He died on December 15, it was added.

Three generations of the Hagenbeck family have been in the circus business. Carl, who started the family circus from a fish shop in Hamburg, died in 1913. The circus was at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, in 1935, and was later at Glasgow.



Dr. Walter A. Maier and family. Dr. Maier is the noted speaker of America's outstanding religious broadcast, "The Lutheran Hour," which is heard on Sundays over a network of 265 stations including Manila (KZRM—5.25 p.m.) and Shanghai (XNHA—3 p.m.).

Japanese Naval Strategy Is Held To Be Backward

"THERE is no original design in Japan's warships or aircraft, so it is reasonable to expect lack of original thought in Japanese naval strategy," says the London magazine "Flight."

"All Japan's show of force has been obtained by aping the British Navy," the journal asserts.

"The Pacific is ideal for the use of aircraft-carriers."

"Japan's tonnage in aircraft-carriers is one-third that of Britain and the United States."

"Japan's aircraft-carriers are: 'Kaga' (26,000 tons), with 60 aircraft."

"Hiryu (10,050 tons), and Hoshio (7,470 tons), each carrying 40 aircraft."

"Ryuzo (7,100 tons), carrying 24 planes."

"In addition, there are five specialised seaplane carriers, each of about 10,000 tons."

Naval Air Service

"The Naval Air Service is credited with between 40 and 50 squadrons."

"Each of Japan's nine battleships about which information is available has one catapult, and carries two or three seaplanes."

"All Japanese cruisers of over 5,000 tons carry aircraft. Most of them are fitted with catapults."

CRITICISM IS SO BRACING

THE view that "it's not quite cricket" to criticise in wartime those in authority was vigorously contested by Captain H. H. Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, in a speech to Oxford University Conservatives recently.

If citizens—individually or through the Press—are ever stopped, he said, from criticism which, while not endangering the safety of the realm, is frank and free, away goes that liberty whose preservation is one of our primary war purposes.

"Go on criticising actions and individuals, because, provided this is in a constructive spirit, with the sole purpose of increasing our war effort, it is healthy and stimulating for all of us, whatever are our personal reactions."

Gracie Fields Now "Broke"

"I am broke," Gracie Fields, English film and radio star, said in New York recently.

"My £312,500 a year income from films and radio has been wiped out," she said.

"I earned £40,025 in Canada for the British war effort and £18,750 in the United States."

Gracie Fields took part in a carnival for Britain at the New York Radio Music Hall.

Formerly one of the highest-paid film actresses in the world, Gracie Fields went to America last June with her husband, Monty Banks, the producer.

Since then she has been touring Canada and the United States in aid of the British Red Cross Navy League, and "Servicemen's Fund."

Blind—But The Army Took Him

RONALD MITCHELL, twenty-year-old trainee at the Royal Dundee Institution for the Blind, who is registered as "a blind person," has just returned to his work as a brush-maker at the institution after five months' service in the Army.

Ronald, who was twenty last June, registered in July, and at that time Mr F. W. Hobby, manager of the Blind Institution, was on holiday.

Because of this the usual exemption certificate sent to the employment exchange when "blind persons" register was not sent in Ronald's case.

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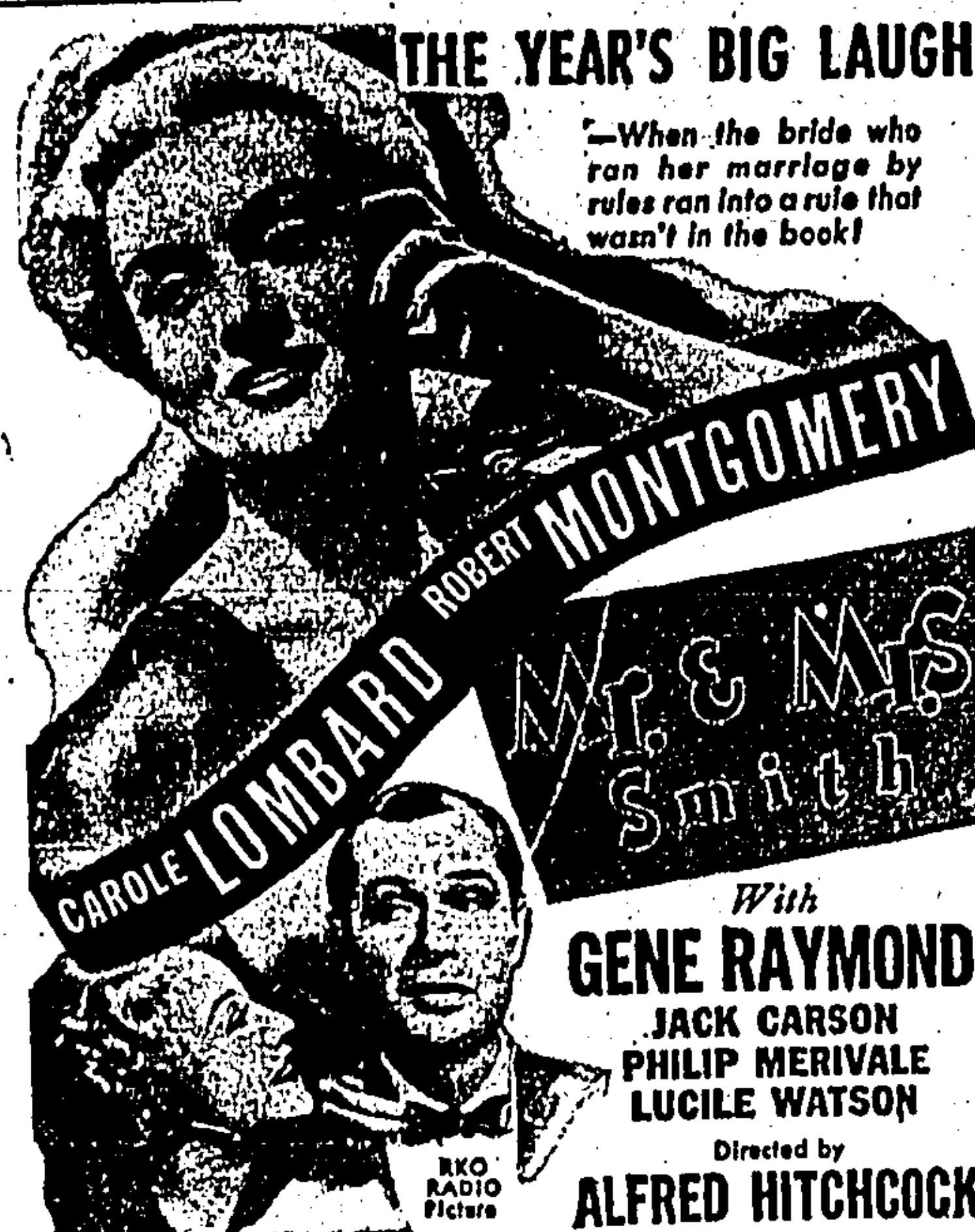
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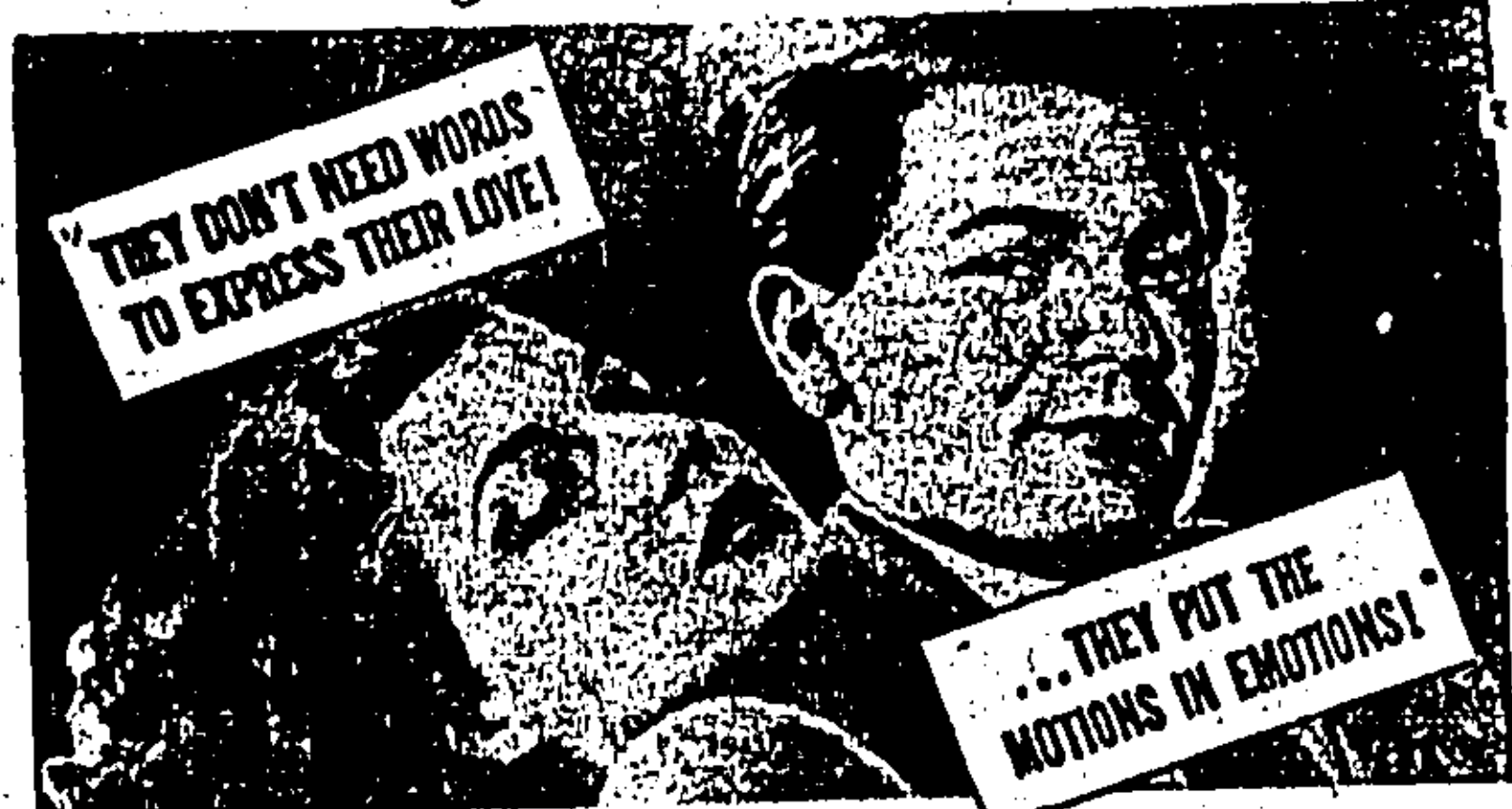


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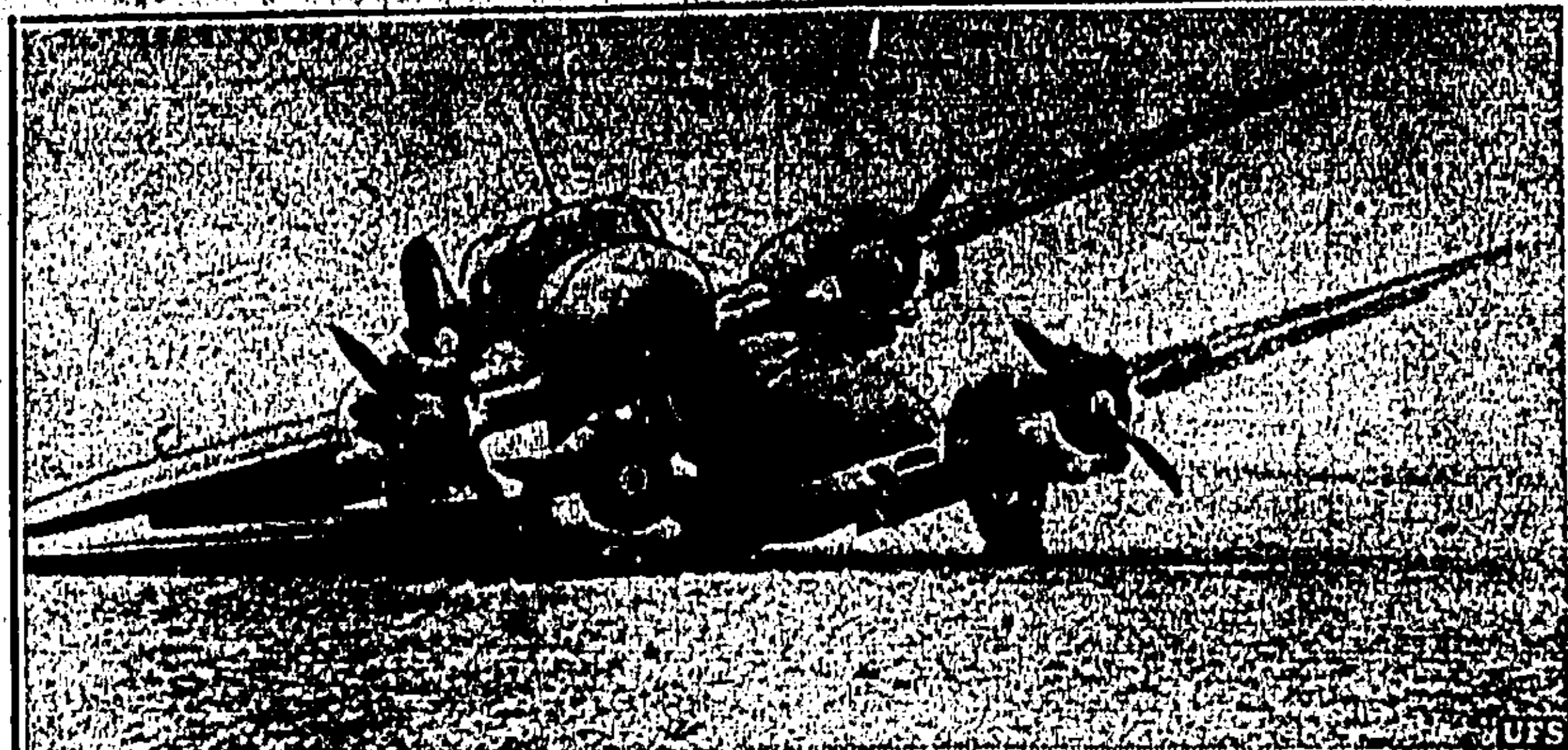
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Time-Limit Marriage For Baby's Sake

MARRIAGE for a year, then divorce, was the offer made by a young widow to a soldier whom she alleged had caused her pregnancy.

The offer was disclosed with a remarkable letter, read at Colne (Lancs.) police court recently, when Doris Summers, aged 26, was charged with sending to Robert Watson a letter threatening to murder him.

It was alleged that Summers, who lived with her father, met Watson about March last year when he was a civilian, and since he had joined the Army had corresponded with him.

When arrested she said: "Yes, I wrote the letter and sent it to Bob Watson." The letter stated:

Only Way Out
"Dear Bob,—If you are still determined that you won't do the right thing, I have decided to follow a plan I have had in mind for some time. This is the only way out that I can see which allows the baby care after I am dead."

"If you persist in your present attitude I will come down and kill you. Then I will be tried for your murder, but they won't hang me; at least, not till after the baby is born. This way I will be well looked after, and so will the child, which will be brought up by the State in an orphanage."

"If you feel inclined to pass this

off as hot air, Bob, just try to put your mind back six months. Remember me as I really am, not as I seem, with time and space between us, and I think you will realise that every word is deadly serious. "I want to be fair, even though you are treating me so badly, so I will offer an alternative."

A Business Matter
"If you will marry me at once and grant me an allowance until the baby is 12 months old, I will make no further claim on you. "We need never see each other again after the wedding. Later, when the legal time has elapsed, we could be divorced."

"You once told me that you loved me because I was intelligent, so you can be assured I have considered the situation from all its aspects. "If you accept my plan, we will not quarrel about anything. When you are here we will just regard the whole thing from a business point of view and remain friends."

She was remanded.

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MANILA DEFENCES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 21 (UP).—The House Naval Affairs Committee to-day approved a bill authorizing the construction of naval bases for small craft at 29 points, including Marivales, Manila Bay. The total amount of the authorization is \$50,000,000 but no specific allocations have been made.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: Nothing of interest transpired during the day.

Buyers
Banks of East Asia \$70
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BRITISH AND GREEK TROOPS

→ FROM PAGE ONE.

received whenever in contact with our men. Our casualties are light."

Systematic Withdrawal
CAIRO, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Continuing their systematic withdrawal in Greece, the Imperial forces have now evacuated Larissa and Trillicka but the Germans have failed to break through the Allied line at any point, according to the latest information reaching headquarters in Cairo.

The situation is described as still serious and is likely to remain so for a day or two.

The German advances have been effected at the cost of heavy losses.

Italians Charged With Sabotage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 21 (UP).—The Federal Grand Jury of North Carolina to-day began consideration of the sabotage and conspiracy charges against Captain Adriana Berina and nine members of the crew of the Italian freighter Villa Perosa, one of the 28 Fascist vessels which the United States seized on March 30.

The trial is expected to provide a legal precedent for 19 other similar trials. The charges are based on the World War statute which was designed to prevent unlawful damage to vessels in the harbours of the United States.

Papen With Fuehrer

VICHY, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The German Ambassador to Turkey, Herr Franz von Papen, has been received by Hitler at his itinerant headquarters in the Balkans, according to news reaching here from Swiss sources.

LATE NEWS

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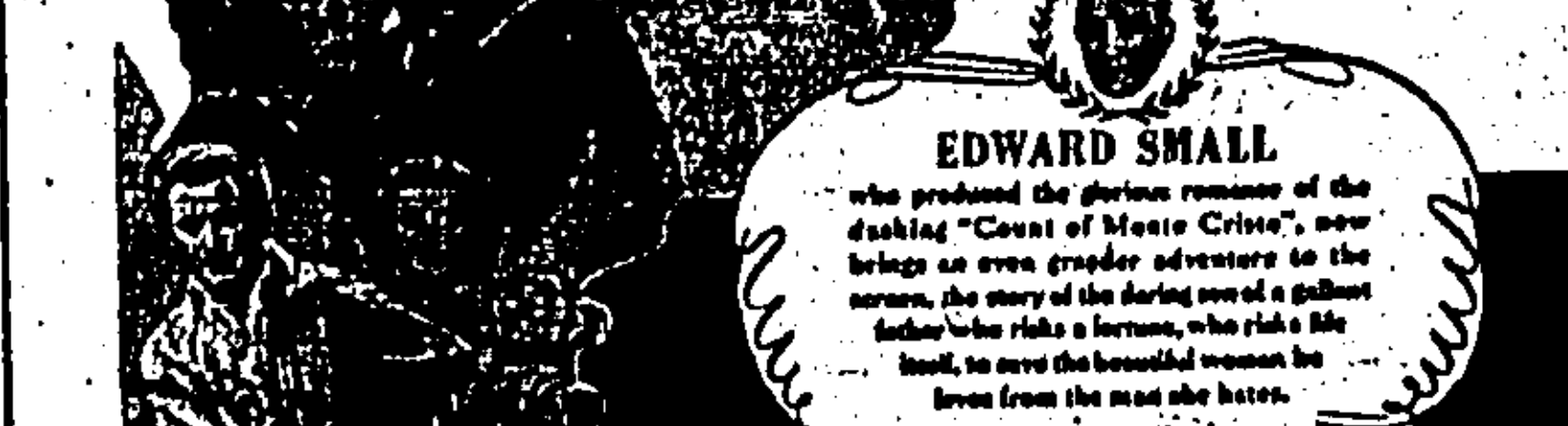
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NAZI REPRISAL ON DUTCH TOWN

Schiedam has had a 9 p.m. curfew imposed, and has been fined 10,000 guilders, by the Nazis because some young Dutchmen had given much drink to a Nazi soldier who accepted their hospitality. They sent him away to report to his station in a large orange ribbon—banned by the Nazis—in Holland because it symbolizes the House of Orange—and with a large cardboard notice stuck on his back calling him a "Hitler Hound."

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DELICATE SITUATION
IN GREECE: BRITISH
EVACUATION POSSIBLE

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, APR. 21 (UP).—FOREIGN SOURCES ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONVINCED THAT THE BRITISH MUST EVACUATE GREECE; HOWEVER, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT IT CAN BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT LOSS IN MEN AND MATERIALS.

Commentators stress the fact that the British expedition in Greece was undertaken as a desperate venture and a moral obligation which it was impossible to avoid. Everyone agrees that the Anglo-Greek armies are fighting gallantly but are irreparably at a disadvantage due to the enemy's superiority in numbers and mechanisation. They also admitted that German strategy was brilliant.

Premier, Gen.
Antonescu
His Position Delicate
(See Columns 4 and 5)



Anglo - U. S. - Dutch
Far East Mutual
Aid Pact Hinted If
Japan Moves South

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21 (UP).—Unofficial quarters to-day asserted that an informal understanding will probably be reached between the United States, Britain and the Netherlands regarding what each nation will do in the event of Japan launching a drive into southeastern Asia. However, they are of the opinion that no written or binding agreement will be reached.

Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, at the press conference to-day said he had never heard of a written pact such as some Japanese newspapers had mentioned. No details were divulged.

Some time ago the British were reported to have offered to allow United States warships unlimited use of Singapore, either in peace time or war time. Well informed circles said that such an offer would undoubtedly form part of any arrangements for the defence of the Far East.

Expansion Indications

BY RICHARD C. WILSON

MANILA, Apr. 22 (UP).—Coincident with Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka's return to Tokyo, the Far East has turned its attention to Japan for indication of revival of Japan's southward expansion, which has lately been inert.

A general feeling prevails among responsible quarters in Manila, Batavia and Singapore that if Japan is going to co-ordinate her programme of extending her new order in East Asia with Axis offensive in Europe, "something" is likely to happen in the Far East by June.

This feeling is so widespread that there is an increasing stream of American women and children returning to the United States. However, Washington so far has not ordered Americans to leave the Philippines other than instructing Army and Navy families to return home.

It is generally believed that Japan is seeking an opportunity to seize substantial concessions from the TURN to Back Page, Column 5

LATEST

See Back Page For
Further Late News

Hitler's Proposal To Franco:
Wants To Attack Gibraltar

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Apr. 21 (UP).—Unconfirmed reports to-day state that Herr Rudolf Hess, Deputy Fuehrer, recently delivered a message from Hitler to General Franco seeking to persuade the General to enter the war on the Axis side, and to pave the way for the passage of German troops through Spain towards Gibraltar.

Total Collapse Of
Rumania Possible

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUDAPEST, Apr. 21 (UP).—According to Hungarian sources, General Antonescu's Rumanian Government is reported to be in an extremely critical position as a result of the threatened loss of German support, plus the rumours that Soviet troops are massed on the Moldavian border.

Traffic between Hungary and Rumania has been halted and Rumanian guards have fired on all persons attempting to cross the border.

Unrest In Rumania

In Rumania there are indications that unrest is increasing. Hungarian sources—obviously hostile to Bucharest—reported that the government of General Antonescu is in danger of losing German support, due to the iron guard pressure to regain territory taken last year from Rumania by Hungary.

Hitler is said to have refused to permit Rumania to occupy part of defeated Yugoslavia and rumours are being circulated that Russian forces are ready to move into Rumania and Moldavia if the Antonescu regime collapses.

On the actual war fronts, the British and Greeks are under increasing pressure as the Germans surge down across the plains of Thessaly and, according to Athens press, they have brought up huge reinforcements in the drive to "obtain definite results."

Antonescu Versus Guards

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 21 (UP).—Authoritative sources stated reports from Bucharest are that General Antonescu has taken a firm stand against Rumania's Iron Guards who were responsible for the January putsch.

They added that General Antonescu is still recognized as authoritative head of the state because the German and Rumanian nations cannot be affected by internal dissenters.

Civil War Possible

ZURICH, Apr. 21 (UP).—Radio Budapest this evening said that reports from the Hungarian frontier tended to confirm reports that Rumania is on the brink of a civil war as Iron Guard activities against General Antonescu are increasing. There was no confirmation of reports that Rumania is planning to march into Yugoslavia.

CUTTERS FOR
U. S. NAVY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21 (UP).—It was reported to-day that the Coast Guard is preparing to hand over to the Navy Department six large cutters of 2,000 tons for patrol duty. The vessels are four years old, carry 3-inch guns, have a speed of 20 knots. Some of them carry seaplanes.

Vicious Raid
On Town
London Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 21 (UP).—The Press Association to-day said that an air attack on a southwest coastal town was "exceptionally vicious and considerable damage was caused."

Hundreds of incendiary bombs were showered down and the sky was lit up with a white glow from the flares.

Fire watchers in a town 40 miles away reported that the fierce anti-aircraft barrage looked like a giant fireworks display.

Quiet This morning
LONDON, Apr. 22 (UP).—It was quiet throughout Britain early to-day. The German activity, appears to be limited thus far to two or three coast areas, but no bombings were reported.

German Claim Unconfirmed
LONDON, Apr. 21 (UP).—German claims that the Luftwaffe is destroying British troops who are already fleeing from Greek lack confirmation here.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 21 (UP).—Greek reports to-night indicated that the Germans are preparing to deliver "all-out" attacks in an effort to rupture the Anglo-Greek lines and to overwhelm the defenders who continue to make a systematic retirement.

British reports again indicated that rearward detachments were principally engaged on the flanks for slowing down the German advance while the main forces continue to retire to a new defence line.

German claims of advancing south of Larissa and crossing the Pinus range to the west, if true, indicate that the British and Greeks are engaged in a general retirement for which the British press is apparently preparing public opinion.

Greek reports indicated that the Germans are trying to overwhelm the defenders in a series of decisive engagements.

Capture of Larissa

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Apr. 21 (UP).—The Germans captured Larissa after a fierce street fighting, the Germans using tanks. Confronting the Imperial forces fought their way through the town while the Nazis were using tanks and machine-guns, ambushing the British at every corner. The town is burning from an air bombardment.

The British are taking up a new line south of Larissa which is shorter and easier to defend. Stretching

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Shanghai P.O.
Orders

Remittances Stopped

SHANGHAI, Apr. 22 (UP).—After only four days, the Post Office authorities here yesterday morning without previous notice suddenly discontinued the acceptance of money order remittances at the rates announced last week.

After the Easter holidays, the Post Office issued a notice to the effect that International Money Order remittances would be accepted at F.R.B. \$17.14 per £1 sterling; F.R.B. \$4.20 per U.S. dollar and F.R.B. \$1.07 per Hongkong dollar. Applications were limited to U.S. \$25 or £5 a day.

Stampede

Announcement of the new rates resulted in a virtual stampede to the Post Office counters and a roaring trade was done in postal remittances. Long queues of eager applicants lined up before dawn in front of the Central Post Office to take advantage of the exceptionally favourable rates.

It could not be ascertained whether the sudden discontinuance of the remittance of money orders yesterday was a temporary measure or a permanent change of policy. All efforts to obtain an explanation were fruitless as the Postal authorities steadfastly declined interviews and refused to make a statement.

Bulgarian
Balkan
Grab

From Serbs & Greeks

VICHY, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Bulgaria's share in the Axis land grab in the Balkans is outlined in a Sofia dispatch to the Vichy news agency.

The Yugo-Slav territory being occupied by Bulgarian troops is bounded, it says, by the River Vardar while in Greek Thrace, the whole area between the River Struma and Maritza is being occupied. (This part of Greek Thrace contains the port of Dedagatch and has figured prominently in Bulgaria's outstanding demand for an outlet to the Aegean Sea).

First Stages

The dispatch says that these areas are believed to represent only the first stage of occupation. The Bulgarian Army will probably take over further territory later.

New frontiers will be fixed at a conference to be held, it is believed, in Vienna on Wednesday.

Bulgars Advance

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 21 (UP).—The official news agency from Sofia quotes reports that the Macedonian towns of Piro and Skopje have been occupied by Bulgarian troops which are now advancing through the Vardar Valley towards the Yugo-Slav-Greek border.

Bulgarian troops in Thrace are advancing between Maritza and Struma towards the Aegean seacoast.

Italian Wool Pool

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Apr. 21 (UP).—The Ministry of Agriculture to-day decreed that all wool produced in Italy must henceforth be handed over to the Government's wool pool.

Japanese Announce
Capture of Foochow

Special to the "Telegraph"

SOMEWHERE IN FUKIEN PROVINCE, April 22 (Do-mei).—Staging a lightning large-scale invasion of Fukien Province for the first time in the current hostilities, the Japanese Army and Naval units landed at many points along the Fukien coast simultaneously at dawn on April 19 and captured Foochow (Minhow), capital of Fukien Province, and a number of other key positions along the coast by the following day, a joint communique issued by the Japanese Expeditionary Force to South China and the Japanese China Seas Fleet at 11 o'clock last night disclosed.

The communique says: "The Japanese forces operating in the Fukien area at dawn on April 19, with the close co-operation of the naval units, effected simultaneous landings on the south and north banks of the Minkiang River below Foochow.

"Pushing their way through narrow defiles, steep terrain and difficult roads, the Japanese forces in quick succession captured Changmoon, Kimpel, Tinkuangshan, Minanchen and other forts as well as Mamoi, key defence bases, and smashing the Chinese forces in the area, the Army forces entered the walled city of Foochow to-day."

Local residents interpret this as a happy omen of Mr Churchill's policy.

BLACK SWAN

Churchillian Protege
Escapes Bombs

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—In one quiet stretch of inland water near the south coast peacefully lived seven white swans and one Australian black swan, the last-named an escapee from Mr Churchill's home in Wootton Bassett, Kent.

A recent enemy bomb explosion slaughtered the seven white swans but the Australian black swan was unscathed.

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5.45 Indian Programme.
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Barnabas von Geczy and his Orches-
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Dennis Noble and Norma in Merry
Fishes (Herrick); Barnabas von
Geczy and his Orchestra; I Know
of Two Bright Eyes (Clutsam); Elly
Mauroune (from "The Lily of
Kilvarney")...Heddle Nash (Tenor);
Hindu Song (from "Sadko"); Valse
Triste (Sibelius)...Barnabas von
Geczy and his Orchestra.
7.15 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—Talk; "British
Speaks".

7.30 Portuguese Programme.
8 Local Time Signal and An-
nouncements.
8.02 John Gay's "The Beggar's
Opera".

(Musical Version by Frederic Aus-
tin) Singers in order of appearance:
Bruce Flegg, Roy Henderson, Con-
stance Willis, Audrey Mildmay,
Michael Redgrave, Ruby Chelish,
Linda Gray, Joseph Farrington,
Alys Brough, with Chorus and Or-
chestra conducted by Michael.

8.54 "Volta Intermezzo" (Souvenir de Vienne)
Otto Kyndel.
9 London Relay—The News.
9.15 London Relay—"Questions of
the Hour".

9.30 Arthur Rubinstein (Piano)
and Galli-Curci (Soprano).
Grande Polonoise, Op. 22 (Chopin).
Arthur Rubinstein (Piano); Rus-
sian Nightingale Song (Albéniz).
Galli-Curci (Soprano); La Cathédrale
Engoulême (Debussy); Capriccio in B
Minor, Op. 78 (Brahms)...Arthur
Rubinstein (Piano); Parli—Valse
(Arditi); The Gypsy and the Bird
(Benedict)...Galli-Curci (Soprano);
Minuet, Trio (Schubert)...

Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).
9.45 News in French (on Short
Wave Only).
10 London Relay—"Scots Abroad".
10.15 A Light Scottish Programme
with Sir Harry Lauder.

It's A Roon Th' Toon (Lauder).
Lauder (Lauder); (Lauder);
Meadley Old Time Songs...Sydney
Gustard at the Organ; Mr John
Mackay (Lauder)...Sir Harry Lau-
der; Strip the Willow (Diack)...
Scottish Country Dance Orchestra;
I've Something in the Bottle for the
Morning (Lauder and Grafton)...
Sir Harry Lauder.

10.35 A Service Programme.
11 Close Down.

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Intensification of the B.B.C.'s
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world.

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000 words in 30 different languages
broadcast from all corners of the
earth.

Escaped Prisoners Shot, Recaptured

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
OTTAWA, Apr. 21 (UP)—The
Canadian Defence Department to-day
announced that two of the 28 Ger-
man war prisoners who escaped from
an Ontario internment camp last
Sunday have been killed and 20
others captured.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE

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H.K. Banks \$1,345 n.

H.K. Banks (H.K.) 73 1/2 n.

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Humphreys \$600 b.

H.K. Realities \$310 n.

Chinese Estates \$90 n.

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Peaks-Trans (old) \$74 n.

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Macao Electric (new) \$12 b.

Sandakan Lights \$18 n.

Telephones (old) \$23 1/2 n.

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Cald: Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$30 n.

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H.K. Ropes \$7 n.

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Watsons \$94 n.

Lane Crawford \$74 n.

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Powell Ltd. \$100 n.

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H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934) 94 1/2 n.

H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940) 94 n.

Ch Govt 5% 1925 G.S.Ds. 28 n.

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NAGASAKI, Apr. 21 (Domei).—

Lieut.-General Wachiyo Sonobe, who

has been appointed Supreme War

Councillor, arrived here this evening

aboard the Nagasaki Maru en route

to Tokyo from the Central China

front where he has been active in

the battle of Ichang, the second campaign

in eastern Chingling, and other suc-

cessful operations.

Sir Geoffrey Whiskard

LONDON, Apr. 21 (British Wire-

less).—Sir Geoffrey Whiskard, whose

term of office as High Commissioner

in Australia for H.M. Government in

Britain has recently expired, has been

appointed Permanent Secretary of the

Ministry of Works and Buildings.

Cement Company Increases Profit Despite Obstacles

The difficulties imposed on the working of the Company by war restriction including the limited export market, the institution of a Raw Material Reserve Account and the holding of a Government Enquiry into the Company's production costs and selling price, were some of the matters dealt with at the 52nd annual meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co this morning.

The meeting was held in the Company's offices in Exchange Building and Mr J. Scott Harston presided, the following being present:

The Hon. Mr T. E. Pearce, Hon. Mr A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr Li Tse-fong, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr D. C. Edmondston, Mr P. H. Suckling (Directors); Mr R. Taylor (Manager and Secretary), Mr J. M. Hood (Assistant Secretary); Messrs S. S. Harris, Ho Kai-ham, Fung Iu-sang, Mok Yu-yun, A. Vaswani, B. Wong Tape, Lam Ming-fan, F. E. Silva and Li Shiu-chung (Shareholders).

Mr Scott Harston said: I have to report with regret the retirement of Mr J. H. Taggart, O.B.E., from the post of Managing Director. The indifferent condition of Mr Taggart's health which had persisted over a lengthy period became so acute that in January last, acting under medical advice, he was compelled to make speedy arrangements to leave the Colony.

Your Directors much regret thus being deprived of his able assistance, and I desire to express on their behalf sincere wishes for his speedy return to normal health. I feel sure you desire to be associated with this sentiment.

At our last Meeting, I acquainted Shareholders at length of the very valuable services which Mr Taggart had rendered the Company over a period of 10 years, and of his appointment as Managing Director during the year then under review. The expression of appreciation to him which I then recorded on behalf of the members of the Company, received the unanimous approval of all Shareholders present at the Meeting.

Honourarium Granted

You will recollect I also informed you that Mr Taggart had received no remuneration, other than that received by him as an ordinary Director of the Company, in respect of the volume of additional work he had undertaken, but that the Board proposed, as a matter of common equity, to rectify that position. In consequence with that proposal, the Directors in September last, unanimously voted Mr Taggart an honourarium of \$15,000 in recognition of the extra services referred to, and I have no doubt that such meets with your approval.

Profit For Year

Turning to the Accounts, you will observe that the "Balance Sheet" brought to the credit of the Profit and Loss Account in respect of operations for the year 1940 amounts to \$832,291.11, which is some \$195,000 higher than the result for the previous year, and can, I think, be considered satisfactory. The debit side of the Profit and Loss Account includes, in addition to the recurring charges, a provision of \$10,000 to the "South China Morning Post" Bomber Fund, War Taxation amounting to \$43,464.10 (which represents the assessment made upon the Company for the twelve months ended March 31, 1941), and Legal and Accounting Fees amounting to \$3,600 in respect of the Government Enquiry concerning the production costs and selling price of cement. The result of the last mentioned expenditure will be apparent from remarks I will make later.

The net result of the year's working shown by the Profit and Loss Account is a credit of \$975,078.18 (an improvement of approximately \$120,000 over last year's figure) and, taken in conjunction with the amount brought forward from the previous year, makes available for appropriation to-day the sum of \$841,490.

Recommendations

Your Directors' recommendations for appropriation are set out in their Report, and have been incorporated in the Accounts now in your hands. With reference to the Balance Sheet, you will note that the item "Stocks on Hand" stands at \$1,067,171.32, which is \$512,000 more than the valuation figure at December 31, 1939. Unfortunately, this enhanced figure does not represent an increase in quantities held, for the reason that soaring freight rates in respect of the carriage of raw materials and packing materials are largely responsible therefor, although increased prices of the commodities at the source of supply also apply to a minor degree.

On the Liabilities side, you will see that the Depreciation Reserve stands at the increased figure of \$452,008 after receiving credit in respect of the charge of \$76,454 for depreciation on the Plant Machinery and Floating Craft made during the year. Raw Materials Reserve makes an initial appearance at \$250,000—the need for which will be explained later. You will note that the position with our Bankers at the end of 1940 was small overdraft one amounting to \$92,530.10.

Adverse Conditions

Your Plant at Ilok has been kept in excellent condition, and has worked at full capacity throughout the year under adverse conditions, while the output of previous years has been maintained.

Many difficulties have been encountered during the year under review in connection with the acquisition of the raw materials and packing materials we required. In

my remarks from the Chair last year I stated that we had stocks in situ and materials contracted for at favourable prices which together should be sufficient for the operation of your Plant at maximum output for an approximate period of two years. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond the control of suppliers and ourselves, many disappointments have been suffered in respect of those contracts. With regard to packing materials we were forced by the continually increasing cost of each shipment (caused through controlled export prices from Britain) to cancel contracts and obtain similar articles from Canada at fixed F.O.B. prices which were comparatively more favourable.

Embargo Suspends Contract

A contract for the delivery of 150,000 tons of Limestone was suspended (when only 60,000 tons had been delivered) because of the embargo placed between British and Allied ships trading with Indo-China Ports. Subsequently, this contract lapsed owing to effluxion of time. It then became necessary to arrange for the carriage of Limestone on neutral ships at greatly increased freight rates, and freight rates are, as you are aware, soaring, continuing to rise. We have secured tonnage up to the end of September next, which is as far as ship-owners will commit themselves under present conditions. At that time it is estimated our stock heap will approximate 90,000 tons.

The rapid and material increase in all branches of our production costs necessitated an increase in selling prices during the year, but in accordance with the previous policy, price increases were not imposed until conditions rendered that action imperative.

Government Enquiry

On the October 24, 1940 the Company received a notification from the Competent Authority that an Enquiry would be held by Government into the Company's production costs and the selling prices of cement in the Colony. To protect the Company's interests it was considered advisable to retain the services of the Company's Auditors, and its Local Adviser in connection with the Enquiry. Much heavy work was involved in preparing and submitting evidence in support of the Company's contentions, and I wish to record the Company's gratitude to Mr Wadeson of Messrs Love, Bingham & Matthews, to Mr Taylor, our Manager and Secretary, and to Mr Suckling (who was then acting as Alternate Director for Mr Taggart) in respect of the sterling services rendered by each of them in that relation and the manner in which they presented the Company's case during the proceedings at the Enquiry.

No Findings Given

In the course of the Enquiry, an Order, dated December 24, 1940, was served upon your Manager requesting production of all books, documents, etc., of the Company to the Accountant General on demand. The demands of the Accountant General were duly complied with to his full satisfaction. The Enquiry terminated on January 14 last, but up to date we have not been able to obtain a copy of the findings in respect thereof.

Although operating conditions fully justified it, we refrained from increasing the selling price of cement. The result of the last mentioned expenditure will be apparent from remarks I will make later. The net result of the year's working shown by the Profit and Loss Account is a credit of \$975,078.18 (an improvement of approximately \$120,000 over last year's figure) and, taken in conjunction with the amount brought forward from the previous year, makes available for appropriation to-day the sum of \$841,490.

Amended Prices Secured

On those selling prices it was impossible for the Company to operate without incurring losses, and, accordingly, strong representations were immediately made to Government in respect of the matter. The amended Control prices (which are in force at the present price) being published in the "Gazette" of February 15, 1941. The prohibition (save under Licence) in respect of the export of our products is of serious import to the Company, for, as you know, we have been in the past to rely to a great extent upon our export market in order to maintain the Company's existence. We are informed that, by an understanding between the respective Governments of Hongkong and the Straits Settlements, export of our product to the latter will be entirely prohibited, and that Licences will not be issued for that purpose. It has been difficult for the Company to obtain Licences for export to other destinations even after it has produced evidence that its stocks of manufactured cement are rapidly increasing despite the complete fulfilment of all local demands.

Periodical Price Revision

In the negotiations with the Government for settling the present controlled selling prices, the basis of replacement costs was agreed upon in regard to computation, and periodical price revision has to be made on the same basis. In this connection you will readily understand that it is necessary to provide for the future by now transferring a portion of our present book profits to a Reserve from which to reduce the loss in values of stocks in hand when replacement costs fall. It is for that reason that your Directors recommend setting

aside \$230,000 out of the credit balance of Profit and Loss Account at the end of 1940, to a Raw Materials Reserve, and I trust you will approve their recommendation in that respect.

With regard to the Staff, I have to inform you that in May last, owing to the state of his health, the Board reluctantly decided to terminate the services of Mr T. C. Beck, our late Secretary, who had been on sick leave in England over a lengthy period, and who served the Company very ably over a term of ten years. In the consequent re-organisation of Staff, Mr R. Taylor was appointed to the substantive post of Manager and Secretary, and Mr J. M. Hood was made Assistant Secretary, an arrangement which has worked satisfactorily to date. Before concluding I have to record the Board's appreciation and thanks to all members of the Company's staff in respect of the loyal and efficient manner in which they have carried out their duties under difficult conditions, and I trust the recommendation of your Directors for the payment to them of a Bonus will receive your approval.

As there seems to be no further matters to which I can usefully refer, I beg to formally propose that the Report and Accounts for the Financial Year ended on December 31, 1940, as presented, be adopted, and that the following appropriations recommended by your Directors be carried into effect:

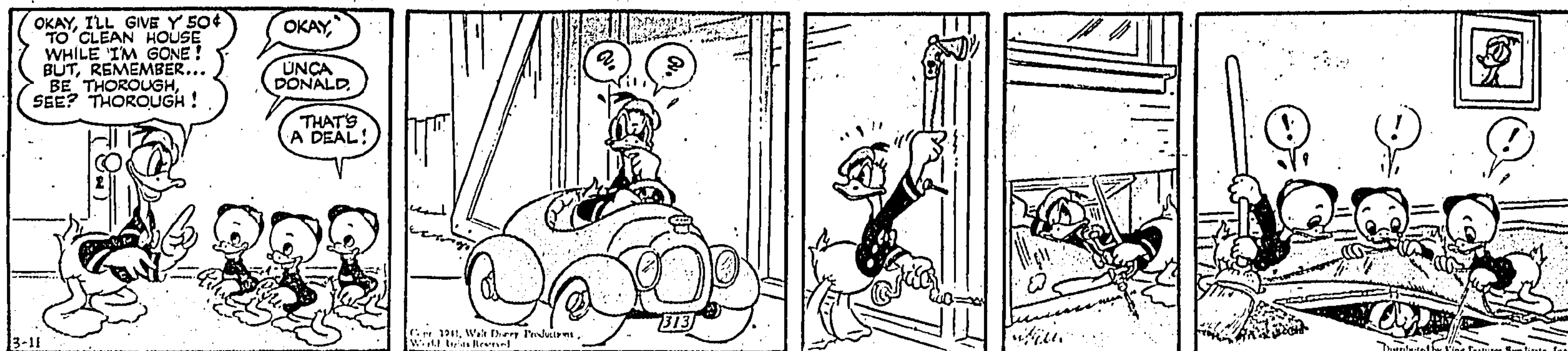
To pay a Dividend of \$1.00 per Share on 195,494 Shares	\$195,494.00
To pay a Bonus of \$1.00 per Share on 195,494 Shares	195,494.00
To transfer to Raw Materials Reserve	250,000.00
To pay a Bonus to Staff	17,164.50
To carry forward to Financial Year 1941	183,327.50
	\$841,490.00

The report was seconded and approved.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1-Threefold

2-Expressions of hearty

3-Receiver possession of

4-Large anthropoid

5-Itenders misshapen

6-French

7-Ostrich-like bird

8-Happening every day

9-Two thousand

10-ounds

11-Vial

12-Line of coaches

13-Possible suffix

14-African antelope

15-Abstract conception

16-of being

17-Perous metal

18-Uses fusible metal

19-for fastening

20-Aiming at

21-Central Hindu pottery

22-Margin

23-Dravary

24-Leader deity

25-Inn

26-ine (Scottish)

27-Tran

28-Branches of

29-learnine

30-Tibetan capital

31-Cliff's name

32-Ize (archaic)

33-Canine teeth

34-Good (French)

35-English seaside

36-zooit

37-Quix back

DOWN

1-Throbbing sound

2-Declination

3-Golf

4-Minutrel

5-Boundary

6-Quintiles

7-Contentant

8-Film comedienne

9-Pertaining to era

10-Egg of lion

11-Tint which sits

12-Stobbed

13-Record of events

14-Removes

15-Hurled

16-Just

17-Builing-like fabric

18-French

19-Christians made

20-Picure of metal

21-Piece of cloth

22-Source of metal

23-Captivates

24-Depressing (Scottish)

25-Id

26-Driveters

27-One who longs for

28-something

29-Rout with discont-

30-us slope

31-English tank, under

32-William III

33-Pertaining to head

34-of collie

35-Viper

36-Strained instruments

37-Girl's name

38-Clock

39-Male deer

40-German fabric

41-Captain's symbol

42-for eye

The Strangest Job In The Cabinet



An interview with Mr Arthur Greenwood, the Minister concerned with the study of after-war reconstruction problems, by HENRY LONGHURST.

WHEN, as Mr Churchill put it in describing the end of the last war, "the lever is pulled—Full Steam Astern," and the vast war machine comes at last to a halt, what then?

Economic chaos, poverty, slump, unemployment? Or a better, greater democracy with security and a fair chance for every man?

We cannot settle comfortably down to solve these problems on Armistice Day. They have to be tackled now.

The man appointed by the Prime Minister to make the first survey of how, having won the war, we may win the peace, is Mr Arthur Greenwood, Minister Without Portfolio.

Officially his title is "Chairman of the Ministerial Committee charged with the study of post-war reconstruction problems." But he does not expect to see that reconstruction completed in his lifetime. Thirty, even fifty, years he thinks it may take.

MOBILISE BRAINS

"If we win the war in a military sense," he says, "and then can't show that we can make democracy work, we've as good as lost the war."

Mr Greenwood, all his life, has been a good "Party" man. But he will have no question of mere partisanship in his present work.

He emphasised, as did the Prime Minister recently, that neither he nor any State Ministry can build a new heaven and a new earth. "We must build the kind of country

the people want and are themselves willing to build.

And so he has begun by becoming a kind of clearing house for ideas, as expressed by "responsible" shades of opinion.

He will listen not only to trade unions and employers' federations, but also to bodies like the Institute of International Affairs, the Workers' Educational Association, and the 1940 Council, consisting of scientists, doctors, lawyers, business men and women, presided over by Lord Balfour of Burleigh.

"My business will be to mobilise the brains, experience, insight, imagination of all the people who can be of real use," said Mr Greenwood. "This job has got to be a vast co-operative enterprise."

"I've got no department here at the moment—just a man and a boy, as you might say—and no departmental limitations; and, believe me, I understand something about those!"

"There is no Minister of Reconstruction yet. What we shall see after the war is successive Governments of Reconstruction."

Mr Churchill, incidentally, has hinted that he will set up a Ministry of Reconstruction. After the last war this Ministry was a failure. It is common political knowledge, though Mr Greenwood himself did not say so, that it failed because the other Ministries each wished to do their own "reconstructing" for themselves.

"I shall work with the other Ministries," said Mr Greenwood. "No single man's brain

can hold all the complications of a problem like this. What we achieve will be the work of many minds, the result of co-operation."

While we were talking, his secretary asked what should be done with a certain document. "All right, put it in my homework," he said.

I asked him whether he envisaged huge unemployment after the war. "Did you go to the People's Convention?" he replied. "No? Nor did I, though I think we might have had a comic afternoon. Well, one of those present, I think it was Pitt, said that I had declared that we should have seven million unemployed after the war."

"What I have said is that if we don't organise our resources, there will be vast unemployment on that scale after the war. I believe we have huge untapped resources that will help to bring the world out of post-war poverty. I don't say easily, but I think it can be done."

"There will be jobs of every kind to be done all over the world. Buildings to be built, people to be clothed and shod—and that great task, developing the resources of the Dominions and Colonies."

The Prime Minister suggested last August that we should accumulate at our disposal, not necessarily in England, stocks of food and raw materials with which to help in the economic restoration of the freed people of Europe after the war. "You can say that we're getting down to that problem at this present time," Mr Greenwood told me.

PLANNED INDUSTRY

So we passed, naturally, to the question of controlled—Compulsory if you like—planning of industry after the war. How long would it last?

This is a question I have put to many Ministers. It is a question that makes them shy like a horse at a traction engine. Mr Greenwood was no exception.

So I report off my own bat, as it were, that the impression I have gained from these Ministers, irrespective of party, is that they all believe that the control of industry exercised through emergency must be continued long, long after the war is over.

"I'll say this, though," said Mr Greenwood. "Go to the blitzed industrial areas, as I have done, and you will see that the war has broken down a devil of a lot of frontiers."

"You will see Whitehall, trade unions, employers, local government men—all pulling together. That's the spirit I want to see go on after the war."

Broadly speaking, he hopes to see the general principles of reconstruction announced before the end of the war, and to have plans completed for the "sword-into-ploughshares" period immediately following the peace.

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SAIGON

* Matsue Maru Friday, 25th Apr.
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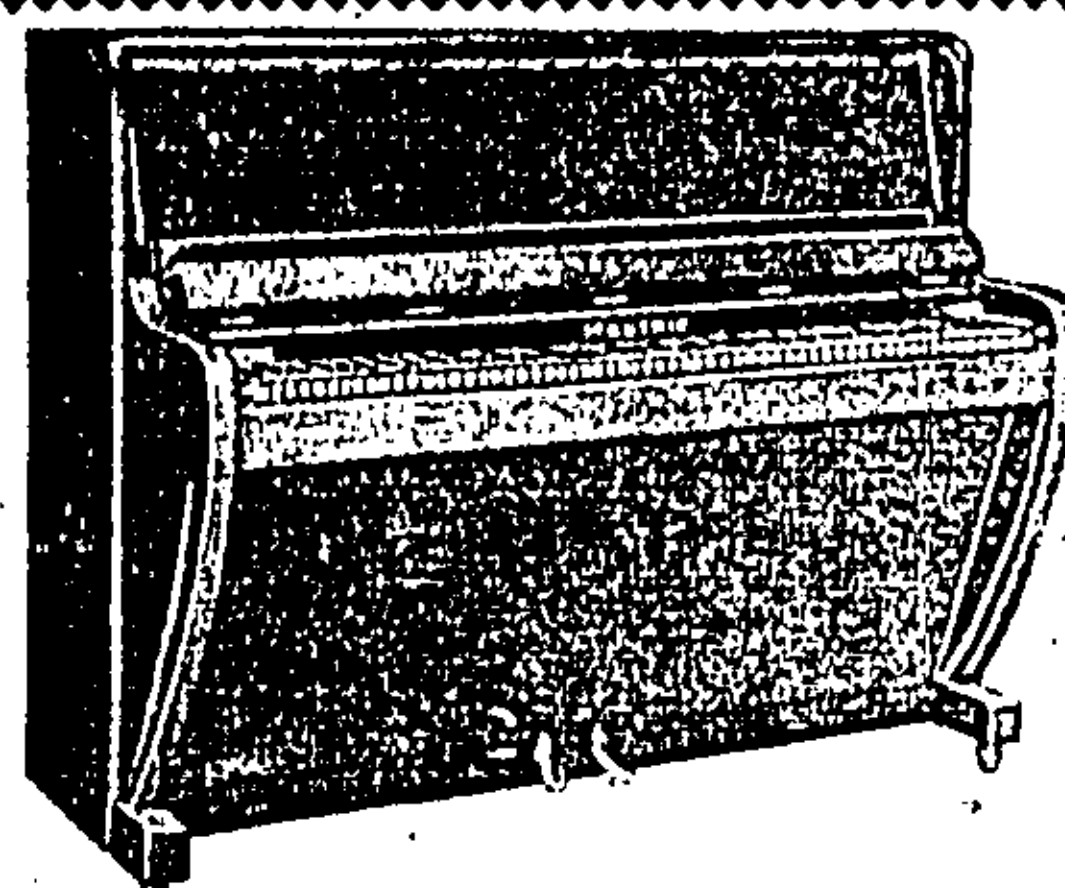
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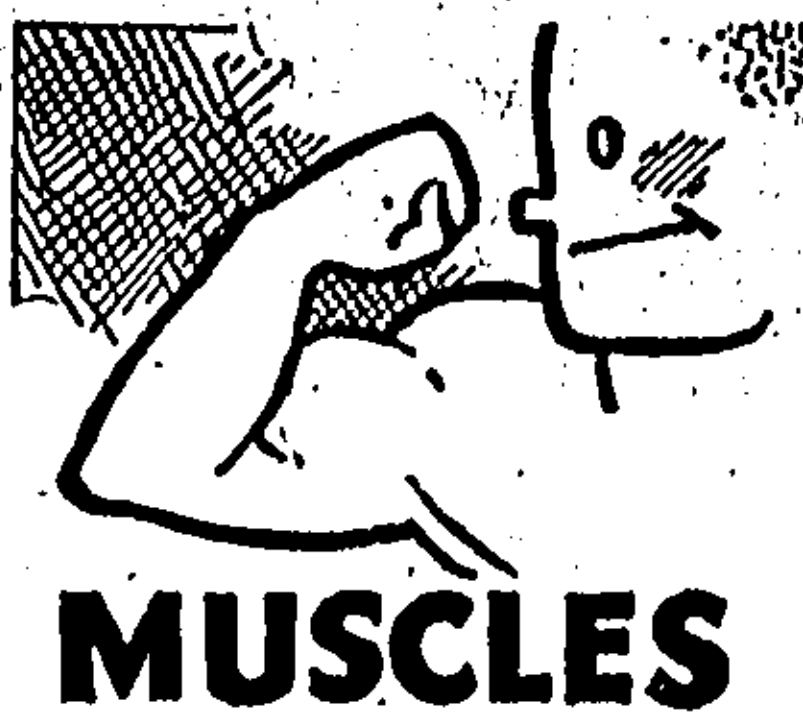
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NEW MODUS OPERANDI REQUIRED

DIFFICULTIES besetting the operation of the new tax on cosmetic and toilet preparations were concisely set out by a businessman in the "Telegraph" a week ago, but they bear re-statement. The tax, in itself, is an admirable emergency measure, even though it does drive another nail into the coffin of Hongkong's hitherto unassailable system of free trade. The modus operandi, however, is far from satisfactory.

An official statement issued last week, pointing out that as soon as present stocks have been disposed of the onus of sticking the revenue stamps on toilet packages will pass from the retailers to the importers and manufacturers, means nothing more than it says; if anything this may prove more troublesome than if the obligation remained exclusively with the retailers.

It has already been emphasized that one of the main problems confronting importers will be to figure out what stamps to use on an article which some retailers sell for a certain price, calling for a 10 cents duty stamp, but which other shopkeepers retail cheaper and may only require five cents duty.

Another worry for the importers will be the necessity of unpacking large stocks of certain goods which cannot be disposed of immediately and which are liable to deterioration owing to weather conditions. It may not be easy for these merchants to convince retailers that such stock is now, and the risks of being saddled with unsaleable goods must of necessity increase.

It is encouraging to know that Government is conscious of the problems attending the operation of the new tax and that already steps have been taken to assist dealers and importers by printing smaller duty stamps. Another timely and welcome assurance is that the department

Will America Resist Japan?

By **Erwin D. Canham**

in the "Christian Science Monitor"

The diplomatic and military manoeuvres now going on in the Far East are not easy for Americans to understand. Yet Americans, in all probability, will have to decide their fate and their interests in the Orient. Whether or not Japan attacks Singapore is dependent on several factors, but none of them is more significant than the attitude of the United States. That attitude, which is basically dependent not on the President and the State Department but on public opinion, has not yet been formulated.

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It is about time for the Administration, and the unofficial leaders of public opinion, to put to the nation a simple question. It is: Are we prepared to stand by without intervening if Japan attacks the British and Dutch strongholds in Malaya? Upon this question, the whole issue of East and West, and perhaps even the European war, may turn. If we make it known that we are prepared to intervene, Japan will probably not launch an attack. If we cannot make up our minds, or if our attitude implies that we are not prepared to intervene, Japan may well continue the steps of invasion which its Navy has already far advanced.

Americans ought to have learned by now that mere diplomatic by-play is not an adequate policy. The State Department has doubtless played its cards pretty well during recent months, in an effort to deter and alarm Japan. Recently, Secretary Hull went still further in this game of trying to frighten Japan. But, up to the present, it is all simply bluff—legitimate, customary, but basically ineffective. The fact that public opinion might decide the question in the affirmative has given the bluff the only potency it has thus far possessed.

Singapore may soon become the decisive point in the whole war. If Britain is forced to de-

fend its Gibraltar of the East with only its own forces, plus what help the Dutch are able to give, it may make an exceedingly gallant stand. It might conceivably be able to hold off the Japanese, for Nippon's power is already under severe strain. But the effort for Britain and Australia would be very great indeed. It would call for resources sorely needed in Europe and Africa. It would be precisely what Hitler most wants.

But if the American people could ever make up their minds that if worst came to worst they would aid Britain in the Far East, would be willing to send the fleet into action there, then one may reasonably assume—such action might never be needed. Indeed, determination to resist Japan might be implemented by economic pressure alone. Japan's economy is still dependent upon exports to the United States, still needs oil and steel from this country. An offensive war of the American Navy against Japan might be under normal circumstances a very difficult business. But the defence of Singapore against a weakened Japan is something very different. Singapore already has everything needed for defence except ships.

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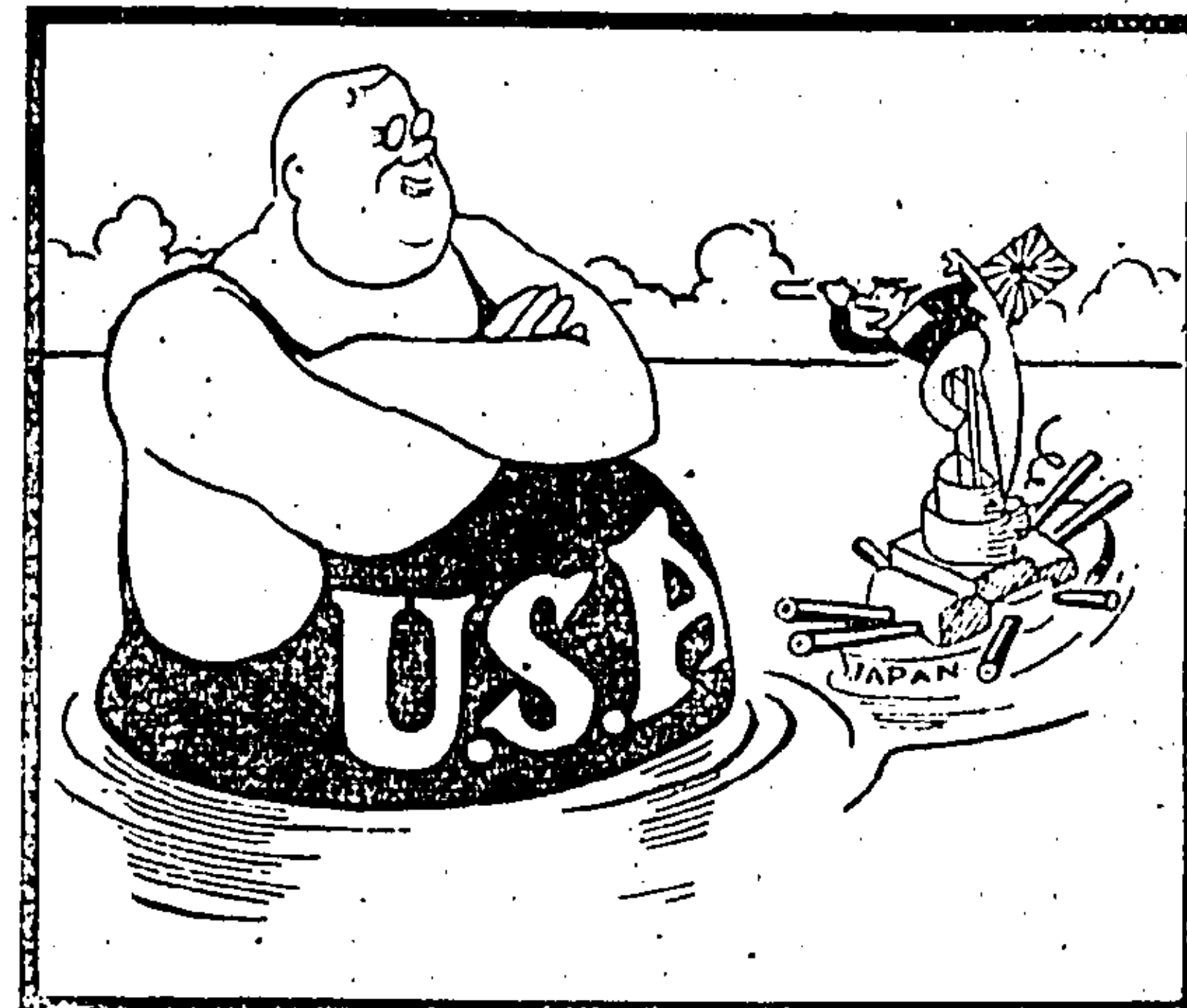
Loss of Singapore, the key to Malaya and Australasia, would mean that the supplies of rubber and tin on which so much of the American economy is dependent would be in Axis hands. Loss of the Singapore base would mean that the Philippines would be completely encircled, and that the American obligation of forty years there would be starkly tossed aside. Loss of Singapore would mean the doom of free China, unless Russia broke off its ties with the Axis and came to China's aid, which would probably mean a Communist China.

These are some of the things America has to think about, and quickly. Nobody, or practically nobody, in America wants to get into war. The whole nation is interested in the best way of staying out—the best way of keeping from being dragged in. One way that some urge is to

America and the American way? Or, to put the same question in different words: What is best for freedom in the world? For Christianity, and the brotherhood of men and nations?

The temporarily conquered democracies have shown that in indecision lies ruin. There may be ways to dissuade Japan from attacking Singapore and the Dutch East Indies other than by sending the American fleet to Singapore. But all such ways are dependent for their sanction

The Giant in the Pacific Awake



(From "Central Daily News," Chungking)

OUR SECURITIES IN THE U.S.

By **EDWARD GAYLER**

BRITAIN has just over £300,000,000 left in dollars and in gold with which to pay for goods already ordered in America.

Our immediate available resources in America at the beginning of the war were £380,000,000, made up of British-owned American securities and dollar balances and \$700,000,000 in Allied gold, excluding French gold.

Mr Morgenthau, Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, announced a few weeks ago that Britain had spent some £580,000,000 of her resources in the first 16 months of the war.

Although we still have \$300,000,000 in cash, much of it is already mortgaged for deliveries now being made from American factories.

The money will be exhausted in a few months, perhaps in a few weeks, but we still have \$570,000,000 of American assets which it may take time to realise.

BRITISH trade returns for 1940, just published, show that our purchases from abroad were £660,000,000 more than our sales.

This adverse trade balance must be financed in shipping services, in gold, and by the income from our foreign investment.

We need all our shipping for ourselves and can expect little or no revenue from that source.

Our gold is all earmarked for conversion to dollars, and our foreign investments are being sold in New York for the same purpose.

Roosevelt's anxiety to rush his Lease and Lend Bill through all stages to the statute book was evidence that Washington understood the difficult financial situation with which Britain is faced.

NO better proof of the failure of the U-boat campaign to enforce a blockade of Britain is needed than the trade figures for the first 16 months of war.

Since the beginning of September 1939 Britain imported goods to the value of £1,382,262,809 and have sold \$574,127,680 worth of British products to the world.

A great deal of the increase in our imports can be attributed to our enormous purchases of war materials in America, but this does not account entirely for our £308,000,000 adverse trade balance in 16 months of war.

If our available dollars are already spent or mortgaged, then the only way in which we can continue to finance our imports is by an increasing export drive.

With the exception of a trickle of goods from the East, Continental Europe is cut off from the rest of the world.

Our various export councils must pursue with all vigour the search for new customers in the markets of the world which our enemies have been forced to abandon.

HITLER ON THE JAPANESE

"..... the basis of that culture was the Greek mind and teutonic technical skill as we know it. Only the external form.... shows the trace of an Asiatic inspiration. It is not true as some believe that Japan adds European technique to a culture of her own. The foundations of actual life in Japan to-day are not those of the native Japanese culture.... the real foundations of contemporary Japanese life are the enormous scientific and technical achievements of

concerned is closely watching the situation and will introduce modifications when and where considered most suitable. It is hardly possible to expect more than this at the moment. The new measure is still in its infancy and indications are that it must find its ideal form of operation through trial and error. It must be remembered that it is a measure of expediency rather than chosen policy and is but another of those inconveniences rendered inevitable by the exigencies of war.

Europe and America, that is to say, of Aryan peoples....

The scientific and technical achievement of Europe and America provide the basis on which the struggle for daily livelihood is carried on in the Orient. They provide the necessary arms and instruments for this struggle and only the outer forms of these instruments have become gradually adapted to Japanese ways of life.

If from to-day onwards the Aryan influence on Japan should cease.... then the present progress of Japan in science and technique might still last for a short duration; but within a few decades the inspiration would dry up....

If it be shown that a people owes the fundamental elements of its culture to foreign races.... and if subsequently that culture becomes fossilised whenever the external influence ceases, then such a race may be called the depositary but never the creator of a culture."

(From MEIN KAMPF, unpublished edition, translated by James Murphy, publishers, Hurst & Blackett Ltd., page 252).

Canada's Exchange Problem Is Solved

OTTAWA, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Mr W. L. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, has returned from the United States. He declared that his visit, in which he arranged the joint utilisation of United States and Canadian resources had proved "much better than a holiday."

Officials expect the arrangement to benefit both countries immensely; it means that Canada's exchange problem has been solved for the duration of the war.

According to general interpretation here, the United States will accommodate Canada for the lack of dollar exchange by accepting a large volume of Canadian materials and by providing Canada, under the Lease and Lend Act, with materials entering into equipment and munitions destined for the United Kingdom.

Canada's adverse payments balance to the United States in the last 12 months is unofficially estimated at \$325,000,000.

Canada's War Spending

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
MONTREAL, Apr. 21 (UP).—The Naval Minister, Mr Angus MacDonald, in a speech here today disclosed that Canada must devote 45 per cent of her national income to financing the war effort.

He declared that Canada may soon be building warships for the United States Navy.

SABOTAGE BY BELGIANS

Nazi Punishment

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Following numerous acts of sabotage and "hostility towards the Army of Occupation" in the Hainaut Province of Belgium, the German authorities have issued a threat of severe reprisals, states "Inbel," (Free Belgian news agency).

There, it states, will include taking hostages, suspension of the return of Belgian prisoners of war and the withdrawal of facilities for obtaining food supplies.

Italians Charged With Sabotage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 21 (UP).—The Federal Grand Jury of North Carolina today began consideration of the sabotage and conspiracy charges against Captain Adriano Berina and nine members of the crew of the Italian freighter Villa Perosi, one of the 23 Fascist vessels which the United States seized on March 30.

The trial is expected to provide a legal precedent for 19 other similar trials. The charges are based on the World War statute which was designed to prevent unlawful damage to vessels in the harbours of the United States.

STOCK EXCHANGE Minimum Movement

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—With operators very cautious, a minimum of movement occurred on the Stock Exchange today, but on the whole the prices were well maintained.

There was some support for gilt-edged securities, which recorded small advances. Industrials were occasionally lower, chiefly the heavy stocks.

Oil shares were irregular and Kaffirs were steady after early Cape selling.

Wall Street was quiet.

Japanese Who Hasn't Heard Mr Churchill

TOKYO, Apr. 21 (Reuter).

"There's no telling which side is going to win the European war in the long run," declared the noted political commentator, Mr Murobuse, speaking at a debate under the auspices of the newspaper "Miyako Shimbun," which was attended by many notables.

Mr Murobuse added that a settlement of the Chinese war should precede any attempt to drive southward and that any cabinet which had no confidence that it could dispose of the China Affair successfully had better dissolve itself quickly.

BRITISH CASHING IN ASSETS

Securities In U.S. Sold

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Including an overnight order regulating a further 104 United States securities for payment on June 3, the British Treasury has altogether mobilised \$21 million Street issues since February, 1940.

The present list includes 69 common stocks, 56 preferred stocks and 30 bonds. Besides well-known securities such as the Aluminum Company, Baltimore and Ohio Railway, Cities Service Company, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, International Paper and Paper Company, Monsanto Chemical Company, National Biscuit Company, Phillips-Dodge Corporation, Shell Union Oil Corporation (controlled by Royal Dutch Shell), Southern Railway, Standard Oil of Indiana and Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, the list includes the names of "lame-ducks," clearly showing the extent to which the Treasury is scrapping from the barrel to mobilise all possible dollars.

Effect Of Libya On Vichy

Inclination To Axis

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The possibility of a reshuffle of Marshal Petain's Cabinet is being discussed at Vichy, according to information from the French frontier.

The German successes in North Africa and the Balkans, the "AP" agency says, appear to have strengthened the position favouring closer collaboration with Germany, but it is unlikely that Laval will be recalled to the Cabinet as he is still very unpopular.

One possibility is Laval's appointment as Ambassador in Paris to replace Count de Brinon. He will then be head of the French delegation with the task of speeding up collaboration with the Armistice Commission which would be transferred to Paris from Wiesbad.

Chungking New Appointments

CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (Central News).—The National Government announced the following appointments yesterday:

Mr Yin Jen-hsien, Director of the Public Loans Department of the Ministry of Finance;

Mr Ma Tai-chun, Director of the Salt Revenue Department of the Ministry of Finance;

Mr Li Jui, Secretary of the Ministry of Finance;

Mr Liu Kai, Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Washington.

Hitler's Latest War Trophy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 21 (UP).—According to the official news agency, the Serbian commemorative tablet regarding the assassination of the Austro-Hungarian successor to the throne on June 28, 1914, was secured after the capture of Sarajevo and was turned over to Hitler's field headquarters by the first German soldier to enter the City, Lieutenant Mittelmann. The tablet will be presented to the Berlin War Museum.

Fifth Column In Lourenco Marques?

LOURENCO MARQUES (Portuguese East Africa), Apr. 21 (Reuter).—Eight persons, including a retired colonel, have been arrested here for alleged "subversive and unpatriotic activities."

They will be deported to Lisbon.

Yugo-Slavia's King Escapes By Air

VICHY, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—King Peter of Yugo-Slavia has arrived at Jerusalem from Athens, according to a Jerusalem dispatch to the Vichy news agency. He is stated to be accompanied by Yugo-Slav Prime Minister, General Simovitch, and the Foreign Minister.

The dispatch adds that Dr Mathek, the Croat leader and Vice-Premier in the Yugo-Slav Government, remained in Croatia.

Not Giving Up

SOMEWHERE IN MIDDLE EAST, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—"I do not mean to abandon the struggle," said King Peter in a farewell proclamation to his people on the day of his departure from Yugo-Slavia.

Assuring them that he would continue to fight until he could return in triumph to the national soil, the King wrote:

"Although I am obliged to abandon our national soil in the face of superior enemy forces, I do not mean to abandon the struggle. The honour of our flag has been saved. Following the example of my great ancestors, I shall, until my very last breath, hold high the banner of Yugo-Slavia."

The proclamation also stated that the King and Government left Yugo-Slav soil so that it should not be said that the lawful representatives of the people had capitulated.

Plane Attacked

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—According to the Swiss wireless, the plane in which King Peter and his party made the journey from Athens to Jerusalem was attacked over the Mediterranean and a member of the Yugo-Slav Cabinet was killed.

DUCE'S VICEROY REJECTS TERMS

Fight To Death

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The Duke of Aosta, Viceroy and C-in-C Italian forces in Abyssinia, has rejected the demand stated to have been made by Lieut-General A. G. Cunningham that the Italians should lay down their arms, says the Italian official agency in Rome.

The Duke has assured Duce that the struggle will be continued everywhere to the death.

The demand, the agency says, was in connection with negotiations for the protection of the white population in Abyssinia.

Must Lay Down Arms

General Cunningham is stated to have informed the Italian envoy that if they were to assume this responsibility, the British demanded that the Italians should lay down their arms.

The Duke of Aosta demanded the confirmation of this statement in writing.

General Cunningham then sent a message confirming his oral statement.

The following reply was sent by the Duke, according to the official Italian announcement: "I reject the proposals of a military nature which you have put forward without taking them into consideration. The responsibility for the treatment of the white population rests with you, from the moment when the British forces or native forces were organised and armed by you to occupy localities inhabited by whites."

New Greek Premier's Message To Nation

ATHENS, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The Foreign Minister, Dr Emmanuel Tsouderos, has been appointed Prime Minister in succession to the late Dr Alexander Korizis. He took the oath of allegiance at midday.

The remainder of the Cabinet is unchanged.

To The End

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—"The Government takes on the administration of the country without hesitation. We shall carry on our country's fight to a victorious finish," declared Dr Emmanuel Tsouderos, the new Greek Prime Minister, in a message to the nation, according to the Athens wireless.

He paid tribute to Greece's glorious dead and continued: "The whole nation will continue the struggle until Greece, the Balkans and Europe are free of the invaders."

"Greeks, take courage! Let no one in Greece be found lacking in spirit. I call upon you all to believe in victory and to remain calm in the face of danger or calamity."

Tribute To Britain

The Greek Prime Minister paid a tribute to the British people, whose sons were fighting for Greece in the cause of Justice.

"Behind Britain stands the United States of America, holding up the unquenchable torch of liberty from which the light of the strength of the peoples of the world will in due time be inspired for the organisation of their mutual solidarity against the rape of their freedom and tranquillity by medieval criminals. With such allies and friends, and with the force of our own purpose, we are sure that right will prevail. Greece takes courage."

Japanese Drive To Foochow

SHANGHAI, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—According to Chungking reports, Japanese forces during the week-end landed at two points on the north bank of the Min River in Fukien Province with the object of occupying Foochow the last of the Treaty ports in possession of the Chinese National Government.

Japanese field dispatches claim that their drive in Chekiang Province is proceeding steadily in all sectors.

The Chinese admit that the Japanese are driving inland towards the southwest.

Chungking Admission

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (UP).—A communique issued last night states that east China coastal hostilities have been intensified from northeast Chekiang to eastern Fukien.

It is admitted that the Japanese have captured Ningpo, Chenhsia, Chenhai and Shiehling, Ningpo and Chenhai falling into enemy hands for the first time. The Chekiang-Kiangsi railway, southeast of Shaoching was raided by the Japanese from both Shaoching and Shiao-shan; however, fighting is still going on in the Wenchow, Foochow areas.

Ernest Brown Thanks U. S. President

Red Cross Appeal

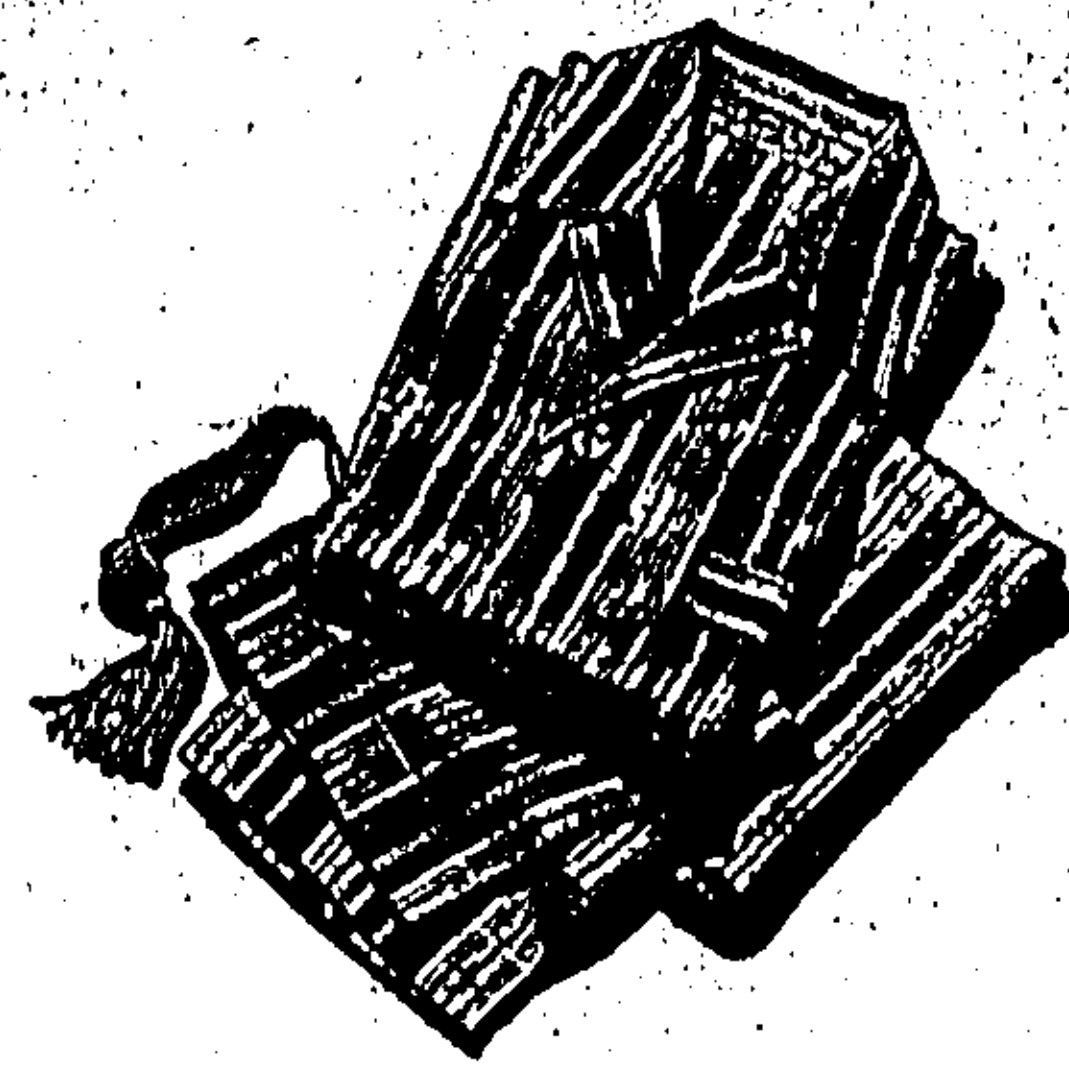
LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The Minister of Health, Mr Ernest Brown, thanked President Roosevelt to-day for supporting the British Red Cross appeal for American doctors to serve with the British fighting services and civilian hospitals.

In a message issued to the Press, Mr Brown said: "Most sincerely do I thank Mr Roosevelt. Our need for such reinforcement is urgent and I assure all who join up in our great cause that they will receive a warm welcome from us and will form an integral part of our own services."

A Health Ministry spokesman explained that British doctors at the beginning of the war had rushed to the colours and so many were now serving with the forces that the authorities felt that the civilian population was being endangered. Hence the appeal to the United States, which Mr Roosevelt, as President of the American Red Cross, endorsed.

Bombs On Holland

THE HAGUE, Apr. 21 (UP).—It is officially reported that during the week-end British bombs were dropped on several places which resulted in 12 people being killed and 15 wounded.

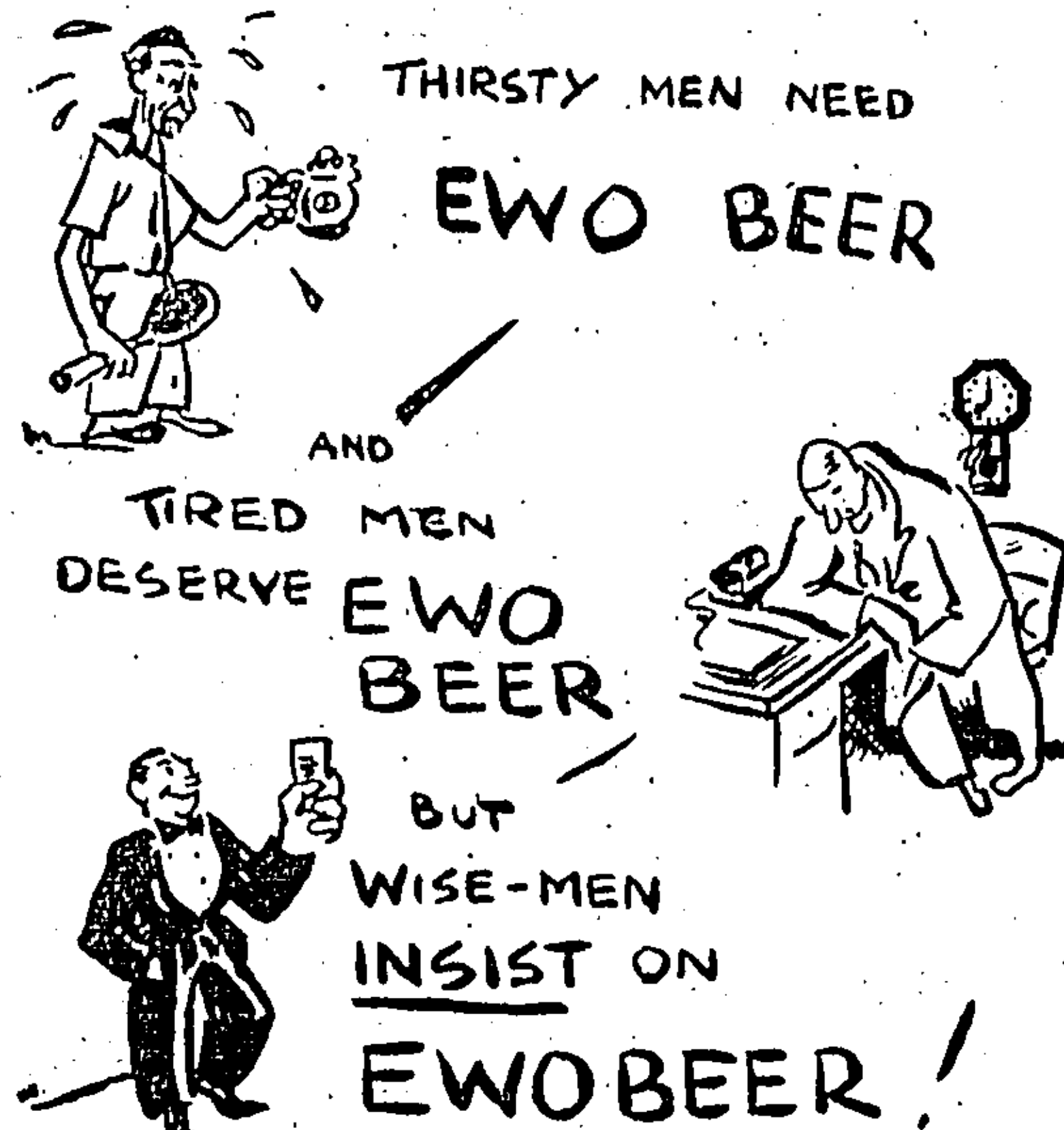


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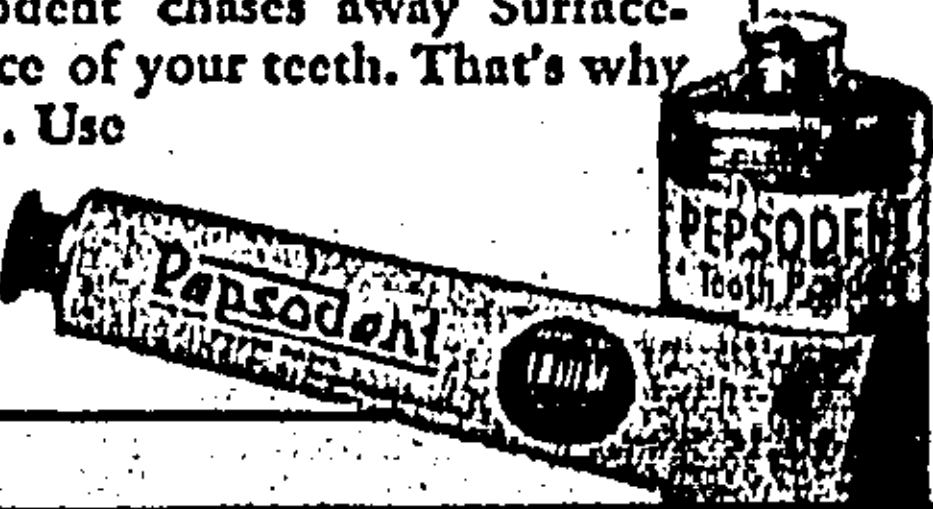
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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

Civil Service XI In The Making

Excellent Week-end For F.E. Lawrence: Dull Match at Kowloon C.C.

THE TWO TEAMS in the Junior Division, I.R.C. and Civil Service, who were determined to fulfil their programmes, were rewarded with a beautiful day for their game at Sookunpoo. It was pretty hot admittedly, but I have known it hotter in England in July and August.

The play, too, was most interesting, and, though there was a fairly comfortable margin at the end, things were pretty level up to a point, and but for some dropped catches and two bits of bad luck, the Civil Service might very well have won. They have improved out of all knowledge since I last saw them play.

During the whole game I saw only two balls get up and the wicket was excellent though it was quite possible to get spin off it, a fact of which both Macgowan and Rumjahn availed themselves.

Two wickets had fallen for 27 in four overs when Bond had rather a disastrous over to Sufilad who hit three or four fours in it. He should have been taken off then, and used later, but he was given two more with expensive results.

I found out afterwards that he had not been feeling fit before the game and the heat had affected him a good deal.

Strange's trouble was, of course, that owing to having at least two of his bowlers away he had only N. L. Smith, Bond and Macgowan upon whom to rely. Still I think he would have been better advised to have put the latter on at once, and as he is the type of bowler who takes very little out of himself, worked Smith and Bond in short spells.

Things were looking pretty sticky for the C.S. when Barma went for a short one to depish mid-off and Watson threw his wicket down.

Wahab and Sufilad carried on scoring freely until Macgowan checked the pace of scoring, and finally bowled the former for 21 runs. Soon after, fortune again favoured the C.S. in that Sufilad was run out for a hard hit 47, though he was dropped more than once.

Cheap Wickets

FOUR wickets then fell cheaply—three of them to Macgowan, but A. el Arculli had been picking up runs here and there and A. M. Rumjahn, the last man, made 10. Arculli got 20 not out and to my mind the two batted just as correctly as any batsmen in the side. But another catch was dropped and the total of 148 was about 20 more than it should have been.

A Good Start

STRANGE went in first with Watson and created somewhat of a sensation by cracking Arculli's first three balls for four apiece. He and Watson looked like settling down for a nice stand when he did not quite time one from Arculli, and was well caught by Wahab at long-on. Lawrence came in and after edging one or two riskily he settled down

Tennis Postponed

The tennis arranged for this afternoon at the Stand Court has been postponed owing to the weather.

to play very nice cricket. Again a good stand seemed probable but Watson was beaten by Abbas after a patient innings of 14.

Macgowan's arrival brought about some good cricket and it appeared likely that the Civil Service might win. But here luck set up against them.

Lawrence shaped to let alone a ball from Rumjahn quite well out on the off, but there was a tremendous off break on it and it turned in to hit his glove and drop on the base of the off stump where one lonely ball fell. Almost immediately afterwards Bond stopped one from Abbas but played it on to his pad or boot and it spun back into the wicket.

A Last Flicker

THERE was still hope, however, when Davidson joined Macgowan and runs came. Then the latter, who had played a very sound innings, looked a short one from Hassan and was finely caught by Razaek high up at fairly deep square leg. Davidson continued scoring and N. L. Smith, who had joined him, played two or three very nice shots to the long leg boundary before being caught by Smith off Hassan. This was the end as Davidson (I suspect he had an idea of the fall to come) began to lash out and skied the ball in the middle of the pitch and was c and b Abbas. His innings of 20 was a very good one and he shows much promise.

Abbas then completed his hat-trick and took another wicket the next ball but one, and the C.S. were out for 114.

The Teams

MY IMPRESSION was that the I.R.C. were the better balanced side as they had batting down to number eleven. And in to the bargain they fielded extremely well. One or two catches were put down—especially Razaek's—and they might well have lost.

For the Civil Service, I thought Lockhart kept wicket very well and the two boundary byes were no fault of his. He does not snatch at the ball. Macgowan was bowling excellently and his batting was very sound.

There is a very good nucleus for next year's team. N. L. Smith has the makings of a good bowler and I know the C. S. had hoped to play him regularly in the first. But, until he can be persuaded to sacrifice pace to length and direction, I fear that he will always prove terribly expensive. It is a very common fault but none the less one that has spoiled many potential really good bowlers. Finally I must congratulate Lawrence on his fielding. He was more alert and active than many players twenty years younger than himself and did a tremendous lot of good work.

Champions v. Rest

SUNDAY was not nearly such a pleasant day as Saturday, though it was I think quite as hot and much more muggy. I went over to the K.C.C. and saw, frankly, a very dull game played on a very good pitch.

The K.C.C. batted first and with one exception it was the man who put the bat to the ball that got runs. Rapley played nice enough cricket for a two-day match, but one ought not to take over an hour and a half making 47.

He did not seem inclined to take any chances about losing his wicket, and actually was out, not hitting, but to a snick catch in the slips by Lawrence, who took the ball very well after it had gone through Strange's gloves.

Goodman as usual hit merrily for 22, while S. A. Gray, who has had a very bad patch lately, got going and rattled up 28 before he had a slight



A. el Arculli (The Rest) bowling to G. E. Taylor (Kowloon Cricket Club) in the Junior League Champions v. The Rest cricket match at the K.C.C. on Sunday. W. L. Rapley is at the bowler's end. — Ming Yuen.

K.W. Choy Enters Two Finals

Badminton Championship Semi-Finals At K.C.C.

One-Sided Matches

(By "Tinker")

Lightweight Boxing

ERIC BOON DISQUALIFIED IN NON-TITLE BOUT

London Ignores "Blitz"

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—There was a sensational end to the first boxing programme ever to be held in the historic London Coliseum to-night, when Eric Boon, British lightweight champion, was disqualified in the second round as Kid Berg, former champion, lay writhing in agony with his legs thrashing the air.

It was a non-title contest of ten rounds, and Boon, the hot favourite, looked a certain winner as he repeatedly shook Berg with hammer-like punches, but he paid the penalty of over-eagerness.

Broadcast to America

THE MINISTRY of Information made a recording of the contest which is being broadcast to America later, as evidence that the British are living their usual life despite heavy "blitzes."

There were traffic blockages, and the house was crowded with people, while others outside were clamouring for admission. This is ample proof of London's nonchalance.

Y.M.C.A. Tennis Club

At the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday a meeting of the tennis section was held. Mr. E. W. Ralston presiding. The following officers were elected.—Chairman, Mr. W. Lomax; Secretary, Mr. W. H. Ingley; Committee, Messrs. E. G. Yourell, E. W. Ralston, F. Elliott.

It was proposed that a tournament be held. The programme will be drawn up during the next meeting to be held on April 28.

misunderstanding with a yorker. Fentham made 15.

In a general way the batting of the Rest was pathetic and extras were easily top with 30 runs out of 84. ("And only Sherlock Holmes knew why"). Carey and Strange pulled things together a bit after a complete rest, and Lawrence held up an end making some very good strokes.

Play went on till 6.30, but the Rest managed to hold the end up and had 94 for 8 at the close.

A Poor Team

IT IS always very difficult to pick a Rest side when due consideration must be given to the representation of various Clubs. McGowan did not find a place, though I understand Lawrence came in in place of Ainsley. A. M. Omar was not playing owing to an injury and so there were two of the better bowlers of the Rest out of the game.

U. M. Omar bowled very well though I was surprised to see how very much slower he was than in the old days when I used—mostly with lack of success—to try and keep him out of my wicket, about 15 years ago.

I have already spoken of Lawrence's fielding on Saturday. On Sunday he made no less than 4 catches in the slips, the last two really good ones.

It is curious to think that a great many years ago he was dropped by the Civil Service first because he could neither catch a catch nor get a run for them. At present he is batting very much better than he was in those distant days, and there is no comparison in his fielding.

I was very glad to see Gray come off. I don't know whether it has been the cares of captaincy but he has had a very poor season with the bat, and his 25 at the end of the season should cheer him up. I must not omit to mention that I caught Carey very finely running from top mid-off to extra-cover. It was hard hit and going away from him the whole time.

IT SEEMS INDICATED that the schedule for the finals will have to be re-arranged, for it was announced yesterday that should K. W. Choy be represented in all three—Senior Singles, the Mixed Doubles and the Doubles—next week's programme would be altered. Last night at the Kowloon Cricket Club he entered the finals of the Singles and, with Mrs. Castro, the Mixed Doubles.

Results in brief were:

JUNIOR SINGLES

A. L. Fisher beat J. Odell 15-10, 15-3.

SENIOR SINGLES

K. W. Choy beat F. Koh 15-2, 15-1.

MIXED DOUBLES

K. W. Choy and Mrs. Castro beat P. H. Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro 15-7, 15-8.

THE SINGLES match was far too one-sided to be of any great interest. This was scheduled to be the opening match, but Choy appeared half an hour late, and the Junior Singles was played first.

In this match Fisher proved just the better of Odell. In strokes they were evenly matched, but Fisher's superior court tactics had Odell doing a tremendous amount of running, and with the close evening, it was not surprising that both were played out after their game.

Fisher kept Odell on the baseline with deep drives, but on occasions brought out a short drop that was part of the tactics to keep Odell continually on the move.

The latter stood up gallantly to his task, and strove for every point with a great heart. He earned the applause of the spectators with his recoveries, while he too, showed control over a short drop from the baseline that as often as not gained him the point.

Scores in this match were no indication of the play.

Mixed Doubles

THE ANTICIPATED DUEL between Patrick Wong and K. W. Choy was somewhat below expectations. It seems incredible that Wong, with all his experience, should have been afflicted with "nerves", but that was the indication, for on many occasions when his normal accuracy would have gained the point he hit outside.

Towards the end of the first game, however, Wong had slightly recovered his direction, and some of the baseline duels, with their dizzy cross-court shots were a pleasure to watch. Choy, it was noted in this match, restrained his famous smash, and on only one occasion was it used. He covered the baseline with amazing speed—it was his second match in succession, though the Singles had hardly extended him—and relied more on his placing than on dazzling speed of shuttle.

Choy, incidentally, emphatically denies that he was ever champion of Malaya, and says that he has only represented in inter-State matches. Why he was never champion seems to be contained in the fact that he only took up the game five years ago—but it seems incredible that there are better players than he down south.

At the net, Mrs. Castro gave Choy great support, and was the better of the two women. Miss Ribeiro, too, seemed affected by the occasion or the opposition, and was guilty of several weak shots into the net. F. KOH was definitely matched against a player far ahead in class.

Badminton Schedule To-night

THE PROGRAMME for the Colony Badminton Championships at the Kowloon C.C. to-night will be: 7.30 p.m.—Miss M. M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier v. Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss C. M. Silva (Women's Doubles); 7.45 p.m.—Mrs. N. Castro and Miss F. Gonzalez v. Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Torrible (Women's Doubles); 8 p.m.—Y. P. and M. P. Yeung v. P. K. Hooi and H. F. Cheu (Senior Doubles); 8.45 p.m.—A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth v. J. L. Anderson and W. Gillies (Junior Doubles); 9.30 p.m.—P. H. Wong and C. W. Au v. K. W. Choy and K. B. Low.

It would be difficult to imagine to better matches than those in the Men's Doubles. Last year's champions, Wong and Au meet Choy and Low (prospective champions this year), and it should be a great match. This, it is anticipated, will be Choy's stiffest game of the tournament, though should he and his partner win, there will yet be the final, for either of the other semi-finalists are capable of extending the best.

The women's Doubles, too, promise to be interesting, for all pairs are fairly well matched.

Home Soccer Fixtures For Saturday

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures on Saturday, Apr. 26:

WAR CUP, SEMI-FINALS
Return Matches
Leicester v. Arsenal; Newcastle v. Preston.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH
England v. Wales.

LONDON CUP
Queen's P.R. v. Brentford.
LEAGUE, SOUTH
Bournemouth v. Luton; Southend v. Southampton; Watford v. Portsmouth.

SOUTH REGIONAL
Aldershot v. Tottenham; Mansfield v. W. Hall; Millwall v. Northampton; Reading v. Chelsea; West Ham v. Fulham.

NORTH REGIONAL
Doncaster v. Blackburn; Bradford C. v. Rochdale; Chesterfield v. Sheffield W.; Doncaster v. Halifax; Grimsby v. York; Huddersfield v. Burnley; Leeds v. Sheffield U.; Liverpool v. Manchester C.; Blackpool v. Middlesbrough; Barnsley v. New Brighton; Everton v. Oldham; Hury v. Rotherham; Bradford v. Tranmere; Southampton v. Wrexham.

REGIONAL MATCH
Stoke v. Chester.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Aberdeen v. Airdrie; Rangers v. Third Lanark; Hamilton v. Motherwell; Hibernian v. Dumbarton; Partick v. Celtic.

He was quite helpless against the onslaught of Choy, whose smashing and drop shots were amazing in their accuracy.

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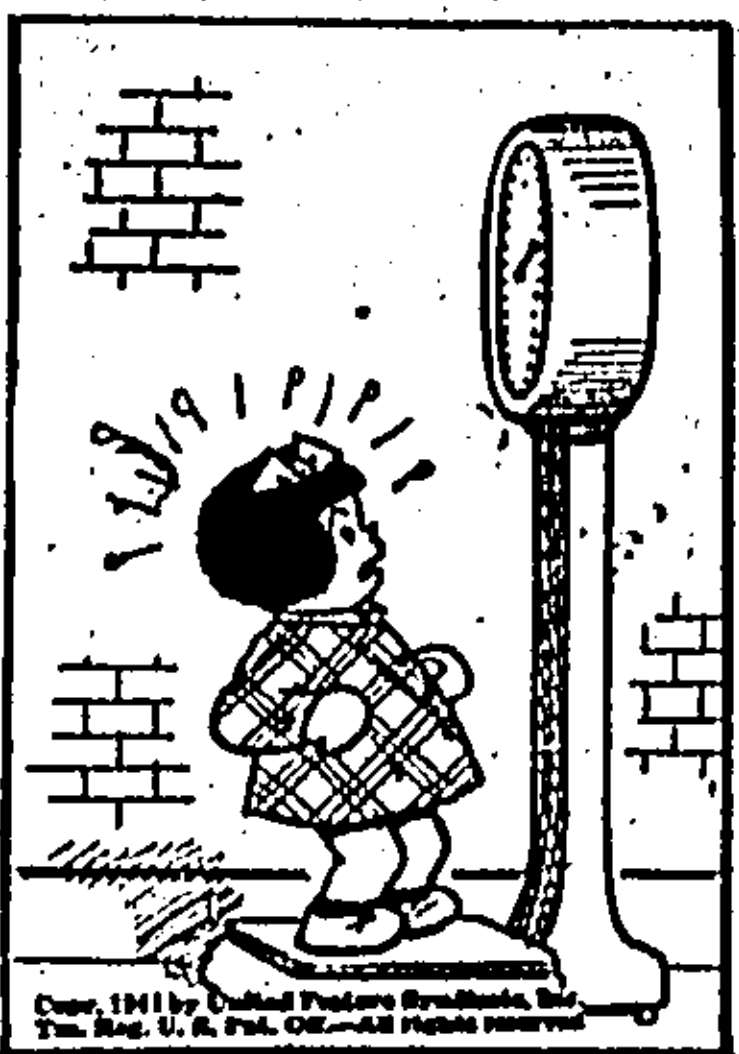
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

War Brings Greater Hardship To 200,000 Jews Still In Germany

By Joseph W. Grigg, Jr.
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

BERLIN, April 19 (UP).—A year and a half of war and the sacrifices it has imposed on all Germans has brought new hardships and distress to 200,000 Jews who still remain in Germany despite the government's severe anti-Semitic programme.

But, by a paradox, the war has broken down to some extent the rigid ostracism, bordering on actual ghetto conditions, under which these Jews lived since the violent anti-Jewish outbreak of November 1938.

As result of acute wartime labour shortage, thousands of Jews both men and women—have been drafted to work, always under the sharpest supervision, in munitions works and other factories where they previously had been barred completely.

Perhaps the most severe wartime hardships imposed on German Jews is that they get no ration cards for clothes or permits for shoes and coal. Upon introduction of ration cards a few months after the outbreak of the war, it was announced that they would not be issued to Jews. It was claimed the Jews were well-stocked with clothes and needed no more.

Lack Shoes

The Jews were not given clothing cards for 1941. Without such a card it is impossible to buy clothes. Since the beginning of the war they have been unable to obtain permits to buy shoes, and only in some instances have they been allowed to have their old shoes repaired.

The Jewish community faced this problem partially by donation of shoes and clothing by better-off Jews to the poorer ones. Doubtless many Aryan Germans "on the quiet" occasionally give cast-off clothes to former Jewish friends.

The Jews have the same basic food ration as Aryans, but the ration cards are marked with a large "J." Instead of having them delivered each month at home, the Jews must go in person to the food card offices at a specified time to collect their own cards.

Desperate State

They are not allowed skimmed milk, fish, game and poultry, which theoretically are not rationed, although in practice these can only be bought by Aryans at stores where

Jews were emigrating from the Reich as fast as other countries would take them. Since then, and until recently, emigration has slowed down to a mere trickle, mostly by Siberia and Japan. In recent weeks, the United States has given several hundred visas to Jews who travelled via Switzerland and Lisbon.

Special Reserve Plan

After the conquest of Poland, it was apparently the government's original intention to transport all Jews from the Reich, including Bohemia and Moravia, to an area around Lublin, where a special reserve was to be created. This process started with the mass transportation of all Jews from Nuremberg and several other protected cities last winter.

The sudden expulsion of Jews from Stettin and other parts of Pomerania at a few hours notice occurred a few months later. Here this process came to a standstill for the time being for reasons unknown, although it is presumed that it was largely to difficulties in the culminating feuds in the Lublin area.

Death Of Circus King Reported

Hagenbeck, one of the aristocrats of the circus, has died in a British internment camp in Ceylon, according to a German radio announcement. He died on December 15, it was added.

Three generations of the Hagenbeck family have been in the circus business. Carl, who started the family circus from a fish shop in Hamburg, died in 1913. The circus was at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, in 1935, and was later at Glasgow.



Dr. Walter A. Maier and family. Dr. Maier is the noted speaker of America's outstanding religious broadcast, "The Lutheran Hour," which is heard on Sundays over a network of 265 stations including Manila (KZRN—5.25 p.m.) and Shanghai (XNHA—3 p.m.).

Japanese Naval Strategy Is Held To Be Backward

"THERE is no original design in Japan's warships or aircraft, so it is reasonable to expect lack of original thought in Japanese naval strategy," says the London magazine "Flight."

"All Japan's show of force has been obtained by aping the British Navy," the journal asserts.

"The Pacific is ideal for the use of aircraft-carriers."

"Japan's tonnage in aircraft-carriers is one-third that of Britain and the United States."

"Japan's aircraft-carriers are: 'Kaga' (20,000 tons), with 60 aircraft."

"Hiryu (10,050 tons), and Hoshio (7,470 tons), each carrying 40 aircraft."

"Ryuzo (7,100 tons), carrying 24 planes."

"In addition, there are five specialised seaplane carriers, each of about 10,000 tons."

Naval Air Service

"The Naval Air Service is credited with between 40 and 50 squadrons."

"Each of Japan's nine battleships about which information is available has one catapult, and carries two or three seaplanes."

"All Japanese cruisers of over 5,000 tons carry aircraft. Most of them are fitted with catapults."

CRITICISM IS SO BRACING

THE view that "it's not quite cricket" to criticise in wartime those in authority was vigorously contested by Captain H. H. Balfour, Under-Secretary for Air, in a speech to Oxford University Conservatives recently.

If citizens—individually or through the Press—are ever stopped, he said, from criticism which, while not endangering the safety of the realm, is frank and free, away goes that liberty which preservation is one of our primary war purposes.

"Go on criticising actions and individuals, because, provided this is in a constructive spirit, with the sole purpose of increasing our war effort, it is healthy and stimulating for all of us, whatever are our personal reactions."

Gracie Fields Now "Broke"

"I am broke," Gracie Fields, English film and radio star, said in New York recently.

"My £312,500 a year income from films and radio has been wiped out," she said.

"I earned £40,025 in Canada for the British war effort and £10,750 in the United States."

Gracie Fields took part in a carnival for Britain at the New York Radio Music Hall.

Formerly one of the highest-paid film actresses in the world, Gracie Fields went to America last June with her husband, Monty Banks, the producer.

Since then she has been touring Canada and the United States in aid of the British Red Cross, Navy League, and Servicemen's Fund.

Blind—But The Army Took Him

RONALD MITCHELL, twenty-year-old trainee at the Royal Dundee Institution for the Blind, who is registered as "a blind person," has just returned to his work as a brush-maker at the institution after five months' service in the Army.

Ronald, who was twenty last June, registered in July, and at that time Mr F. W. Hobby, manager of the Blind Institution, was on holiday.

Because of this the usual exemption certificate sent to the employment exchange when "blind persons" register was not sent in Ronald's case.

A month later he was called up, drafted to the Royal Army Medical corps.

Reads Large Print

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"Nevertheless I managed fairly well with my drills."

Gets Discharge

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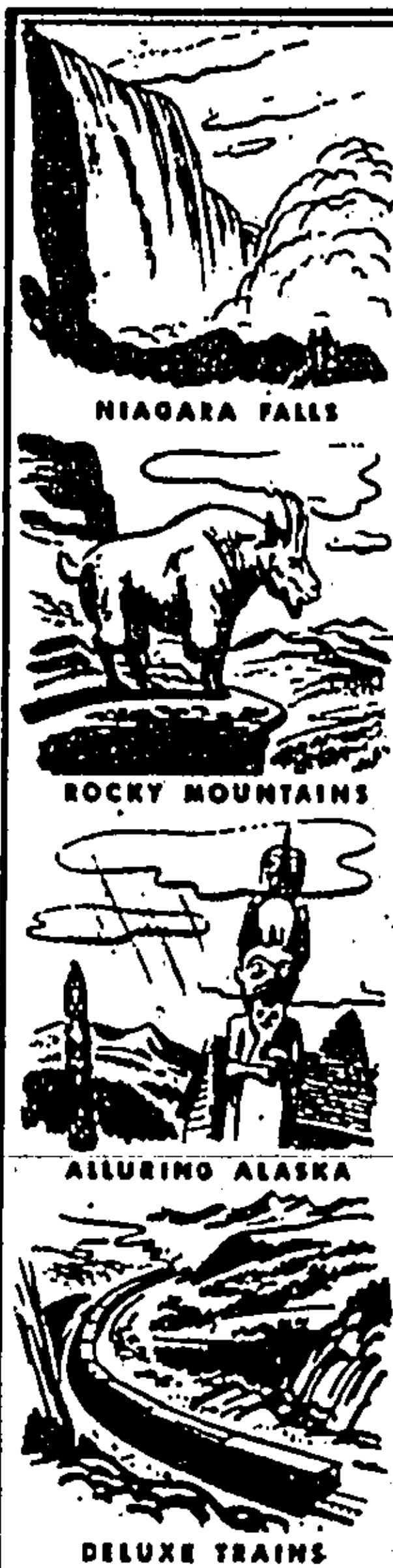
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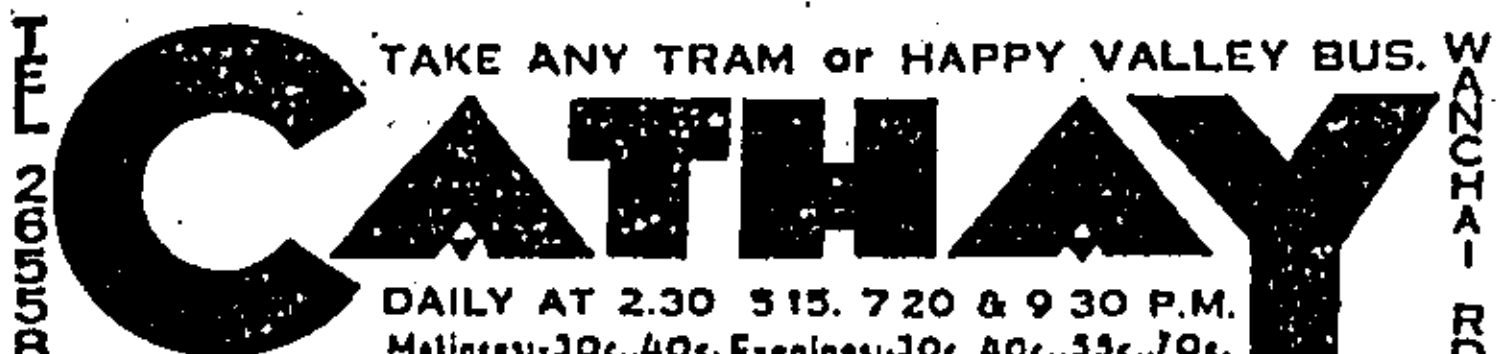
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Delicate Situation In Greece

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through the mountain ranges, big guns and troops are already in position.

Trikkala Evacuated, Report
CAIRO, Apr. 21 (UP).—Well informed sources revealed that Trikkala as well as Larissa have been evacuated. The new defence positions are situated on terrain lending itself to defence. Reports that a large number of Axis have been cut off are scouted, although it is pointed out that during the withdrawal it is possible that some of the advance forces became separated from the main body.

"Cautious" Advance

ATHENS, Apr. 21 (Reuters).—A "cautious" German advance is recorded in a communique issued by the headquarters of the British forces in Greece to-day.

It says: "Despite continuous bombing, the ordered withdrawal of our forces to new positions continues and is nearing completion. The enemy is advancing very cautiously, partly owing to bad roads and largely because of the rough handling he has received whenever in contact with our men. Our casualties are light."

Systematic Withdrawal

CAIRO, Apr. 21 (Reuters).—Continuing their systematic withdrawal in Greece, the Imperial forces have now evacuated Larissa and Trikkala but the Germans have failed to break through the Allied line at any point, according to the latest information reaching headquarters in Cairo.

The situation is described as still serious and is likely to remain so for a day or two.

The German advances have been effected at the cost of heavy losses.

Another Cheque For Bombers

A cheque was handed to the Hong-kong Government this morning for \$200,000, being the equivalent of £60,000, for telegraphic transfer to the British Government, being the 21st instalment sent home from the Bomber Fund.

The total remitted to-date stands at £114,800-10-6, the dollar total now amounting to \$1,847,206.73.

Petrol Moved In Junks

Large Fines Imposed

Lai Yuen-chu, 21, master of a junk was charged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning with attempting to export from the Colony 3,700 tons of petrol without a licence from the Controller of Trade on April 21.

Lo Shu-kuen, 28, steersman of another junk was charged with attempting to export 3,000 tons of petrol from the Colony without a licence from the Controller of Trade on April 21.

Sgt Charles Medley said that at 6.30 a.m. he was on patrol at North Point on board Police Launch No. 8 when he saw first Defendant's junk. He searched the junk and discovered the petrol on board. First Defendant who was in charge, could not produce a licence and was arrested.

First Defendant claimed that the petrol was bound for Cha Ko Ling which was just within the limit of the Harbour.

Second Defendant was similarly arrested. He also claimed that the petrol was bound for Cha Ko Ling and added that the petrol came from the Standard Oil Company.

Mr. H. L. Kwan appeared for Defendants and pleaded that if Defendants were really bound for Cha Ko Ling no licence would be required for the movement of the petrol.

Defendants were each fined \$500. First Defendant was on \$700 bail and the second man on \$600.

Letters By Film

Army Goes Modern

LONDON, Apr. 21 (Reuters).—A novel method of correspondence from the Imperial forces in the Middle East will shortly be introduced.

It is called "Aigraph," a system under which servicemen's letters will be photographed on to a miniature film which will be sent to Britain by air for enlarged copies to be taken and delivered within a fortnight from the time of writing.

The system will permit more frequent and larger mail since 4,500 letter negatives weigh only one pound.

The charge for each letter will be 3d.

A similar mail from Britain to the Middle East will be introduced as soon as the technical arrangements are completed.

Anglo-U.S.-Dutch Far East Aid Pact

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Netherlands East Indies and Thailand.

May Use Thailand

Military circles point out that Japan's price for mediating the Thai-French war might be the right to transport troops across Thailand for a land-attack against British Malaya. These possibilities were belatedly behind the recent strengthening of the land forces in British Malaya.

Despite the official silence following the trip to the discussions at Manila, there are growing indications of a strong liaison between the British and American military forces in the Orient.

Last week Singapore reported the arrival of naval repair supplies which are obviously designed for British ships.

U.S. Naval Bombers

Naval bombers are being flown across the Pacific to Cavite where British crews take them over for flight to Singapore. It is learned that the British crews are quartered at Cavite as guests.

The United States Army has unprecedentedly assigned military observers in the East Indies, Singapore and Thailand.

Indicative importance is attached to the United States Navy's patrol of Philippine territorial waters. It is learned that the Asiatic Fleet has abandoned its annual summer visit to China, at least until the middle of July. The fleet at present is carrying out extensive manoeuvres in the south of the Philippines.

Two thousand two hundred soldiers, which will be the largest single contingent ever to arrive in Manila, are due here in the first week of May aboard the steamship Washington. The authorities are rushing completion to dozens of new barracks to house 1,000 more soldiers which are expected to arrive prior to the rainy season in the middle of June.

Supply Line To Red Sea

The United States supply line to Red Sea is expected to follow the trans-Pacific route at present used for supplies to China via Rangoon—Honolulu thence over a route which the Navy will designate to Manila and Singapore. However, should the south Pacific be considered safe from raiders, some quarters believe that the alternate route would be from Honolulu to Samoa, thence to Singapore where the British would take over the convoy.

The current addition of Consolidated naval bombers to Singapore is expected to enable the British to carry out widespread patrols from Singapore. The United States Navy is using the same type of bombers for extensive patrol in the sprawling Philippine Archipelago at present.

Military circles here believe that the absence of reports of further commerce raiders in the south Pacific may be the result of combined efforts of the Australian and Dutch navies.

It is learned that Dutch destroyers and cruisers which were stationed at Surabaya recently, are making extended "training cruises" reportedly as far as Samoa.

Supplies To China

Reliable statistics of the amount of American supplies that have been landed in Rangoon is unavailable here. Best informed circles in Shanghai believe that the volume reaching Rangoon and ultimately China has been an important stimulant for continued Chinese resistance, but it has been too meagre to effect the war's ultimate outcome.

In order to launch an offensive against the Japanese with any hope of success Chungking would need not only a vastly increased volume of modern weapons and supplies of many kinds, but also time and technical assistance to train the Chinese armies to use them.

Under the existing conditions Chinese observers believe the best to be expected will be for China to maintain the present stalemate and avoid collapse which would disengage the bulk of Chinese forces now in China.

According to present indications, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek can be counted upon to do this.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: Nothing of interest transpired during the day.

Buyers

Banks of East Asia \$70
Indo-Chinas (Pref) \$80
Wharves \$85.50
Humphreys \$6.80
Trams \$10
Lights "O" \$8
Lights Rts. 50 cts
Macao Electric "O" \$10
Macao Electric "N" \$18

Sellers

H.K. Banks \$1,340
Union Ins. \$420
Lights "O" \$8.20
Trams \$16.25
Lights Rts. 50 cts
Cements X.D. \$15.50

Sales

H.K. Banks \$1,340
Union Ins. \$425
Lights Rts. 50 cts

WORLD'S HARD LUCK RECORD

The world's hard luck record is claimed by Victor Cobb, a Memphis chemist. Within six months a taxi-cab demolished his shop front, bandits held him up twice, thieves broke in once, a fire engine overturned against the entrance, a van rammed into the side of the building, and a motorist hit a traffic post and pillar-box which hurtled against the store front to rip part of it away.

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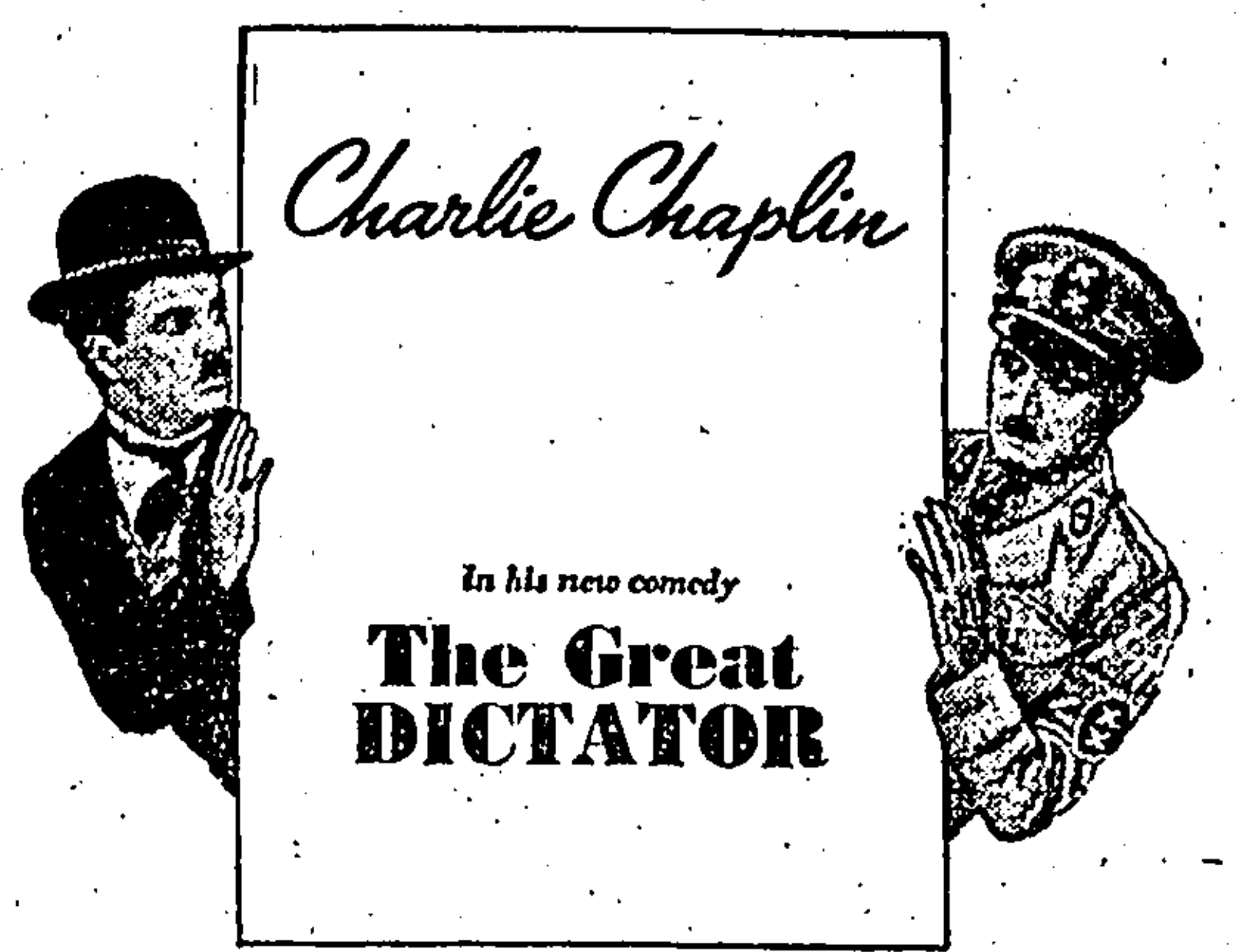
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Immigration Officer Sent To Prison

A Junior Immigration Office Assistant, Lau Yun, 20, temporarily suspended from duty, was found guilty at Criminal Sessions this morning of demanding \$4 with menaces from Yau Tim at Tai Po Main Road, New Territories, on March 13.

An unemployed Air Raid Warden, Wong Choi, similarly charged was

found guilty by a majority verdict. The first defendant was sent to prison with hard labour for eight months and the second for five months.

The jury were told by the Crown Prosecutor, Mr. J. P. Murphy, that the case for the Crown was that the Defendants went to the complainant's cubicle and told him he must get an immigration permit. First accused tried to drag him down the stairs and second accused followed after which \$4 was handed over by the man.

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